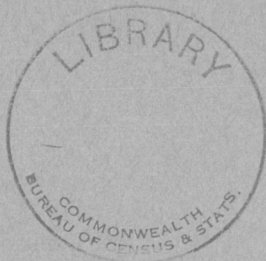


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## I. Comparative Table of Business

The table numbers shown refer

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Period	Employment : Wage and Salary Earners (excluding rural workers, females in private domestic service, and defence forces) *			Wages and Salaries Paid (Weekly Average) *	New Houses and Flats : Private and Government	
	Males	Females	Persons		Approved	Completed
	Number at end of period—thousands			£ thousand	Number of Dwelling Units	
Year : 1938-39	529.9	168.0	697.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1947-48	702.3	261.9	964.2	6,976	29,676	15,415
1948-49	721.4†	269.9†	991.3†	8,133	33,117	18,758
1949-50	740.8	278.5	1,019.3	9,018	35,029	19,841
1950-51	758.2	291.0	1,049.2	11,385	37,988	20,737
1951-52	754.4	270.5	1,024.9	14,364	24,419	24,576
1952-53	734.3	266.2	1,000.5	15,090	23,156	26,554
1953-54	758.1	279.5	1,037.6	16,043	30,655	27,524
1953 : Oct.	740.0	272.2	1,012.2	16,753	3,083	7,764
Nov.	745.0	276.7	1,021.7		2,731	
Dec.	747.8	278.8	1,026.6		2,638	
1954 : Jan.	748.1	277.0	1,025.1	15,303	2,108	6,209
Feb.	749.9	277.6	1,027.5		1,860	
Mar.	753.2	279.4	1,032.6		2,225	
Apr.	753.8	278.6	1,032.4	16,463	2,479	7,289
May	756.3	279.6	1,035.9		2,253	
June	758.1	279.5	1,037.6		2,785	
July	757.7	280.0	1,037.7	16,765	2,514	7,397
Aug.	758.8	281.4	1,040.2		2,712	
Sept.	760.5	283.7	1,044.2		3,054	
Oct.	761.9	286.1	1,048.0	17,918	2,870	7,966
Nov.	767.5	290.9	1,058.4		2,543	
Dec.	770.0	293.0	1,063.0		2,126	
1955 : Jan.	767.6	287.8	1,055.4	n.y.a.	1,696	n.y.a.
Feb.	772.7	291.5	1,064.2		2,020	
Mar.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	

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Period	Wool Sold at Auction *	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only)		Major Private Trading Banks		Savings Bank Deposits	
		Imports	Exports	Deposits	Advances		
	£ thousand	£A million, f.o.b.		At end of period—£ million			
Year :	1938-39	15,521	49.9	37.7	117.1	120.5	87.5
	1947-48	52,972	150.4	134.7	265.4	142.9	237.0
	1948-49	67,331	177.2	176.6	301.3	150.4	244.5
	1949-50	107,714	214.0	216.6	394.0	166.2	258.9
	1950-51	228,204	301.7	325.6	467.9	197.9	284.5
	1951-52	105,261	42.8	193.9	413.6	276.0	304.5
	1952-53	151,348	206.9	249.5	448.6	243.7	319.1
	1953-54	144,795	277.9	249.3	483.1	281.6	339.8
1953:	Oct.	19,593	19.9	25.6	445.7	267.7	325.8
	Nov.	18,447	20.4	24.4	462.0	274.8	326.2
	Dec.	11,501	23.8	26.0	477.3	272.8	327.7
1954:	Jan.	11,212	24.5	19.0	483.5	261.5	329.4
	Feb.	19,319	18.0	16.4	496.7	262.3	332.3
	Mar.	19,799	29.6	29.8	505.2	263.7	331.3
	Apr.	1,689	21.4	22.7	501.8	269.3	332.2
	May	11,976	22.3	15.5	491.8	274.5	333.3
	June	9,005	35.6	18.7	483.1	281.6	339.8
	July	368	28.7	15.0	468.4	291.0	341.9
	Aug.	3,631	24.0	10.9	463.6	297.5	343.1
	Sept.	17,366	27.5	15.6	462.9	307.3	344.3
	Oct.	14,871	25.9	20.3	471.1	318.1	346.7
	Nov.	9,349	23.7	15.2	475.9	318.8	347.2
	Dec.	9,782	24.8	23.7	484.4	319.4	347.8
1955:	Jan.	15,588	32.3	15.4	490.2	310.3	350.2
	Feb.	12,588	28.3	19.5	494.9	312.7	350.7
	Mar.	10,450	31.7	20.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	350.9

\* See notes to relevant table.  
restrictions.

† May, 1949 ; June affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power

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to detailed tables herein

14.		18.	23.	23.	23.	Table No.
N.S.W. Government Railways		New Cars, Taxis, Buses and Lorries, etc. Registered	Coal Production	Electricity Generated	Ingot Steel Production	Period
Passenger Journeys	Goods (ex- cluding live- stock) Carried					
Millions	Thousand tons	Number	Thousand tons	Mill. kWh.	Thousand tons	
186.7	14,679	28,335	9,987	1,948	1,168**	1938-39: Year
263.0	17,407	26,200	11,780	3,546	1,343**	1947-48
263.1	16,903	37,665	11,736	3,717	1,129	1948-49
258.2	15,890	61,656	11,290	3,758	1,266	1949-50
268.6	17,131	76,172	12,683	4,241	1,405	1950-51
268.2	18,528	67,448	14,800	4,628	1,473	1951-52
271.7	17,877	50,057	14,289	4,868	1,846	1952-53
278.9	19,351	64,993	15,012	5,320	2,086	1953-54
22.7	1,638	5,663	1,350	439	184	Oct.: 1953
24.1	1,636	5,788	1,284	424	178	Nov.
22.6	1,455	6,057	993	414	163	Dec.
22.8	1,459	3,925	915	408	176	Jan.: 1954
22.8	1,424	4,377	1,136	395	148	Feb.
24.5	1,781	6,235	1,416	463	175	Mar.
23.2	1,484	5,544	1,165	436	173	Apr.
24.8	1,666	6,086	1,313	490	183	May
22.9	1,635	6,328	1,313	502	172	June
22.2	1,724	6,769	1,335	534	198	July
24.3	1,678	6,693	1,301	515	189	Aug.
22.7	1,692	7,175	1,382	498	193	Sept.
23.4	1,620	6,696	1,315p	486	197	Oct.
24.2	1,595	6,477	1,341p	481	185	Nov.
22.8	1,673	6,535	1,154p	470	185	Dec.
22.9	1,143	4,003	612p	456	170	Jan.: 1955
23.7	1,413	6,490	1,215p	455	152	Feb.
23.1	1,518	7,760	1,240p	n.y.a.	178	Mar.

42.	46.	47.	52.	54.	55.	Table No.
Trading Banks : Debits to Customers' Accounts.*	Sydney Stock Exchange  Share Values	Real Estate Transfers and Conveyances	Wholesale Prices (Aust.) Index *	Retail Prices : Total " C " Series Index (Sydney)*	Basic Wage, Sydney  Adult Males *	Period
Weekly Average —£ million.	Index *	£ thousand	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 = 100	Wtd. Av. for 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000	s. per week	
n.a.	175.6	35,272	101	928	81††	1938-39: Year
69	262.6	60,202	159	1259	114††	1947-48
83	258.2	62,229	181	1378	124††	1948-49
105	270.0	125,952	205	1504	135††	1949-50
145	334.1	192,311	246	1729	173††	1950-51
157	301.0	179,581	300	2140	216††	1951-52
152	253.1	143,909	320	2327	238††	1952-53
172	267.0	188,032	321	2384	243	1953-54
168	261.7	14,930	329	2385	243	Oct.: 1953
173	261.0	15,004	321		243	Nov.
187	264.1	15,070	317		243	Dec.
152	271.6	13,594	317	2391	243	Jan.: 1954
165	273.3	12,944	316		243	Feb.
185	273.0	18,395	316		243	Mar.
166	268.6	16,008	316	2373	243	Apr.
183	271.4	18,840	316		243	May
195	274.5	17,607	316		243	June
182	282.2	17,933	316p	2372	243	July
171	292.4	20,148	316p		243	Aug.
180	291.5	20,743	317p		243	Sept.
190	288.5	18,393	313p	2391	243	Oct.
186	285.6	19,561	315p		243	Nov.
195	285.7	17,593	317pr		243	Dec.
174	292.4	15,323	316p	2405	243	Jan.: 1955
188	296.9	16,739	322p		243	Feb.
186	299.0	18,782	n.y.a.		243	Mar.

|| Estimated.

\*\* Year ended 31st May.

†† Operative from February.

## 2. Wage and Salary Earners : Employment by Principal Industrial Groups in N.S.W.

(See notes above Table 3.)

Month	Mining and Quarrying	Factories †	Building and Con- struction	Transport and Com- munication	Finance and Property	Wholesale Trade, etc.	Retail Trade	Profession- al and Personal Services ‡	Total Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Em- ployment*
Thousands									
MALES									
1939: July	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	.....	59.0	.....	44.0	529.9
1946: June	25.8	236.3	44.1	96.8	16.5	33.4	40.6	56.1	618.5
1950: June	28.1	277.2	67.9	114.4	21.2	45.2	50.3	67.2	740.8
1951: June	29.6	282.4	73.1	114.1	21.8	47.9	51.0	67.2	758.2
1952: June	31.6	274.7	76.1	115.2	22.0	47.3	49.0	67.2	754.4
1953: June	30.1	272.2	63.3	113.5	22.2	46.2	48.8	67.1	734.3
1954: June	30.9	283.8	69.3	114.0	22.5	48.3	50.6	67.6	758.1
1953: Sept.	30.6	274.0	62.7	112.7	22.0	47.0	48.7	66.9	735.4
Oct.	30.6	276.7	63.3	113.0	21.8	47.7	49.1	67.0	740.0
Nov.	30.6	278.6	63.9	113.0	21.8	48.0	50.8	67.4	745.0
Dec.	30.6	279.1	64.2	113.2	22.0	47.8	52.5	67.6	747.8
1954: Jan.	30.6	279.8	64.5	114.0	22.0	48.1	50.5	67.9	748.1
Feb.	30.8	281.3	65.0	113.8	22.2	48.4	49.9	67.8	749.9
1954: Sept.	29.8	285.4	70.2	114.3	22.5	49.0	50.5	67.6	760.5
Oct.	29.7	286.1	69.9	114.8	22.3	49.6	50.6	67.9	761.9
Nov.	29.8	287.8	69.7	115.4	22.4	50.2	52.7	68.2	767.5
Dec.	29.8	287.7	69.0	116.0	22.7	50.2	54.4	69.1	770.0
1955: Jan.	29.8	289.0	68.8	115.8	22.8	50.5	51.0	68.7	767.8
Feb.	29.9	290.2	70.4	116.3	22.9	50.6	50.9	70.0	772.7
FEMALES									
1939: July	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	.....	8.5	.....	36.0	168.0
1946: June	0.2	82.3	0.9	13.0	10.1	10.9	39.1	73.3	242.3
1950: June	0.3	97.2	1.3	15.3	12.6	14.3	43.7	83.1	278.5
1951: June	0.3	102.0	1.5	16.1	13.9	16.0	45.9	83.9	291.0
1952: June	0.4	84.2	1.7	15.7	14.6	15.7	42.8	83.6	270.5
1953: June	0.3	86.0	1.8	14.0	14.2	15.1	41.0	82.2	266.2
1954: June	0.3	92.9	2.0	14.3	15.1	16.2	43.1	84.1	279.5
1953: Sept.	0.3	88.3	1.8	13.9	14.2	15.6	41.5	82.4	269.7
Oct.	0.3	90.4	1.9	13.9	14.1	15.8	41.8	82.6	272.2
Nov.	0.3	91.6	1.9	13.9	14.2	16.0	44.4	82.9	276.7
Dec.	0.3	91.4	1.9	13.8	14.4	15.8	46.6	83.0	278.8
1954: Jan.	0.3	91.2	1.9	13.9	14.6	15.9	44.7	82.9	277.0
Feb.	0.3	92.4	1.9	14.0	14.9	16.0	42.8	83.7	277.6
1954: Sept.	0.4	95.0	2.0	14.4	15.4	16.9	43.5	84.4	283.7
Oct.	0.3	96.0	2.0	14.7	15.4	17.0	44.2	84.8	286.1
Nov.	0.3	96.8	2.0	14.8	15.7	17.2	47.3	85.1	290.9
Dec.	0.3	96.1	2.0	14.6	16.0	16.9	50.0	85.3	293.0
1955: Jan.	0.3	94.8	2.1	14.7	16.2	17.0	45.4	85.5	287.8
Feb.	0.4	96.6	2.0	14.9	16.4	17.2	45.0	87.0	291.5
PERSONS									
1939: July	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	.....	67.5	.....	80.0	697.9
1946: June	26.0	318.6	45.0	109.8	26.6	44.3	79.7	129.4	860.8
1950: June	28.4	374.4	69.2	129.7	33.8	59.5	94.0	150.3	1,019.3
1951: June	29.9	384.4	74.6	130.2	35.7	63.9	96.9	151.1	1,049.2
1952: June	32.0	358.9	77.8	130.9	36.6	63.0	91.8	150.8	1,024.9
1953: June	30.4	358.2	65.1	127.5	36.4	61.3	89.8	149.3	1,000.5
1954: June	31.2	376.7	71.3	128.3	37.6	64.5	93.7	151.7	1,037.6
1953: Sept.	30.9	362.3	64.5	126.6	36.2	62.6	90.2	149.3	1,005.1
Oct.	30.9	367.1	65.2	126.9	35.9	63.5	90.9	149.6	1,012.2
Nov.	30.9	370.2	65.8	126.9	36.0	64.0	95.2	150.3	1,021.7
Dec.	30.9	370.5	66.1	127.0	36.4	63.6	99.1	150.6	1,026.6
1954: Jan.	30.9	371.0	66.4	127.9	36.6	64.0	95.2	150.8	1,025.1
Feb.	31.1	373.7	66.9	127.8	37.1	64.4	92.7	151.5	1,027.5
1954: Sept.	30.2	380.4	72.2	128.7	37.9	65.9	94.0	152.0	1,044.2
Oct.	30.0	382.1	71.9	129.5	37.7	66.6	94.8	152.7	1,048.0
Nov.	30.1	384.6	71.7	130.2	38.1	67.4	100.0	153.3	1,058.4
Dec.	30.1	383.8	71.0	130.6	38.7	67.1	104.4	154.4	1,063.0
1955: Jan.	30.1	383.8	70.9	130.5	39.0	67.5	96.4	154.2	1,055.6
Feb.	30.3	386.8	72.4	131.2	39.3	67.8	95.9	157.0	1,064.2

\* Including miscellaneous groups (71,500 males, 12,000 females, 83,500 persons in February, 1955) not shown in the table. † From July, 1949, subject to revision. ‡ Includes Education, Health, Law, Hotels and Restaurants, and other Professional and Personal Services.

### 3. Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment in N.S.W.—Governmental and Private

(Excluding Rural Workers, Females in Private Domestic Service and Defence Forces.)

(1) Particulars in Tables 2 and 3 are estimates based on the National Register of 1939, the Civilian Register of 1943, and the Occupation Survey of 1945, and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth pay-roll taxation and by governmental authorities.

(2) The Pay-roll Tax returns show the number of employees whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month, irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month.

(3) Workers in rural industry, females in private domestic service, members of the full-time defence forces at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded.

Month	Government Authorities*			Private Employment			Total Employment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Thousands									
1939 : July	136.5	19.4	155.9	393.4	148.6	542.0	529.9	168.0	697.9
1943 : June	157.1	45.1	202.2	368.0	209.3	577.3	525.1	254.4	779.5
1945 : June	156.0	43.6	199.6	380.0	204.3	584.3	536.0	247.9	783.9
1946 : June	169.0	33.4	202.4	449.5	208.9	658.4	618.5	242.3	860.8
1947 : June	178.2	32.3	210.5	493.6	219.8	713.4	671.8	252.1	923.9
1948 : June	186.1	33.6	219.7	516.2	228.3	744.5	702.3	261.9	964.2
1949 : May†	193.8	35.7	229.5	527.6	234.2	761.8	721.4	269.9	991.3
1950 : June	202.7	39.1	241.8	538.1	239.4	777.5	740.8	278.5	1,019.3
1951 : June	207.2	41.4	248.6	551.0	249.6	800.6	758.2	291.0	1,049.2
1952 : June	214.0	41.9	255.9	540.4	228.6	769.0	754.4	270.5	1,024.9
1953 : Mar	205.0	39.4	244.4	526.8	227.0	753.8	731.8	266.4	998.2
Apr.	205.4	39.3	244.7	526.9	227.5	754.4	732.3	266.8	999.1
May	206.3	39.3	245.6	527.8	227.3	755.1	734.1	266.6	1,000.7
June	206.8	39.3	246.1	527.5	226.9	754.4	734.3	266.2	1,000.5
July	206.4	39.4	245.8	526.6	227.4	754.0	733.0	266.8	999.8
Aug.	206.2	39.3	245.5	527.1	228.8	755.9	733.3	268.1	1,001.4
Sept.	206.2	39.2	245.4	529.2	230.5	759.7	735.4	269.7	1,005.1
Oct.	206.2	39.0	245.2	533.8	233.2	767.0	740.0	272.2	1,012.2
Nov.	207.2	39.0	246.2	537.8	237.7	775.5	745.0	276.7	1,021.7
Dec.	207.9	38.9	246.8	539.9	239.9	779.8	747.8	278.8	1,026.6
1954 : Jan.	207.2	38.9	246.1	540.9	238.1	779.0	748.1	277.0	1,025.1
Feb.	208.1	39.7	247.8	541.8	237.9	779.7	749.9	277.6	1,027.5
Mar.	209.2	39.7	248.9	544.0	239.7	783.7	753.2	279.4	1,032.6
Apr.	209.4	39.9	249.3	544.4	238.7	783.1	753.8	278.6	1,032.4
May	210.0	39.9	249.9	546.3	239.7	786.0	756.3	279.6	1,035.9
June	210.6	40.0	250.6	547.5	239.5	787.0	758.1	279.5	1,037.6
July	210.9	40.3	251.2	546.8	239.7	786.5	757.7	280.0	1,037.7
Aug.	211.3	40.4	251.7	547.5	241.0	788.5	758.8	281.4	1,040.2
Sept.	210.9	40.4	251.3	549.6	243.3	792.9	760.5	283.7	1,044.2
Oct.	210.1	40.6	250.7	551.8	245.5	797.3	761.9	286.1	1,048.0
Nov.	211.7	40.9	252.6	555.8	250.0	805.8	767.5	290.9	1,058.4
Dec.	212.3	40.7	253.0	557.7	252.3	810.0	770.0	293.0	1,063.0
1955 : Jan.	211.5	40.9	252.4	556.1	246.9	803.0	767.6	287.8	1,055.4
Feb.	212.6	41.9	254.5	560.1	249.6	809.7	772.7	291.5	1,064.2

\* Employees of Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities.

† June, 1949, affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

### 4. Employment in Larger Private Factories, New South Wales

In order to provide a prompt indication of the trend of employment in private factories, a survey of employment in 628 larger privately-owned factories in New South Wales is made each month, by joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician. Approximately half of total factory employment is covered by the collection, the results of which are available one month earlier than particulars of total factory employment shown in Table 2.

Larger Private Factories—Employment at end of Month									
Industrial Group	Males			Females			Persons		
	1955			1955			1955		
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Building Materials ...	13,179	13,072	13,163	1,316	1,305	1,342	14,495	14,377	14,505
Basic Metals ...	29,293	29,443	29,323	1,168	1,179	1,196	30,461	30,622	30,519
Transportation Equipment ...	16,946	17,193	17,522	1,399	1,447	1,450	18,345	18,640	18,972
Other Metal Manufacture ...	39,496	39,537	39,638	9,438	9,626	9,717	48,934	49,163	49,355
Chemicals and Allied Products	6,523	6,617	6,619	1,995	2,005	1,993	8,518	8,622	8,612
Clothing and Textiles ...	11,158	11,162	11,144	19,150	19,163	19,224	30,308	30,325	30,368
Food ...	9,928	10,512	9,960	4,270	5,553	5,004	14,198	16,065	14,964
All Other ...	21,331	21,350	21,366	6,776	6,584	6,664	28,107	27,934	28,030
Total—All Groups ...	147,854	148,886	148,735	45,512	46,862	46,590	193,366	195,748	195,325
Excluding Food ...	137,926	138,374	138,775	41,242	41,309	41,586	179,168	179,683	180,361

### 5. Wages and Salaries Paid and Average Earnings, N.S.W.\*

Year.	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †	Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡	Quarter	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †				Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡			
				1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
	£ thousand	£		£ thousand				£	£	£	£
1946-47	5,838	6.81									
1947-48	6,976	7.73									
1948-49	8,133	8.73	Sept. Qr.	13,387	14,934	15,654	16,765	13.26	15.23	16.01	16.60
1949-50	9,018	9.50	Dec. Qr.	14,988	15,729	16,753	17,918	14.75	16.24	16.87	17.53r
1950-51	11,385	11.46	Mar. Qr.	14,083	14,241	15,303		13.94	14.70	15.33	
1951-52	14,364	14.24	June Qr.	14,998	15,456	16,463		15.02	15.84	16.38	
1952-53	15,090	15.50									
1953-54	16,043	16.15									

\* Includes Australian Capital Territory.

† Excludes pay of members of the armed forces.

‡ Total wages divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females, based on the approximate ratio of average female earnings to average male earnings.

### 6. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*:

#### Amount of Benefits Paid and Admissions to Unemployment Benefit

Period	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit during Period			Amount of Benefits Paid during Period			
	Males	Females	Persons	Unemployment	Sickness	Special †	Total
Year :				£	£	£	£
1948-49	2,092	165	2,257	23,279	302,298	53,925	379,502
1949-50†	103,599	23,901	127,500	1,064,698	307,315	176,698	1,548,711
1950-51	5,605	601	6,206	25,324	296,418	50,303	372,045
1951-52	7,680	3,258	10,938	55,135	262,244	33,502	350,881
1952-53	76,668	11,972	88,640	2,686,297	546,432	72,932	3,305,661
1953-54	18,854	4,599	23,453	1,247,215	697,949	132,797	2,077,961
1954 :							
January	1,818	332	2,150	77,149	51,238	7,802	136,189
February	1,041	296	1,337	78,232	53,595	7,830	139,657
March	663	278	941	69,794	63,780	9,805	143,379
April	592	250	842	47,042	57,439	8,961	113,442
May	722	334	1,056	53,823	61,627	10,268	125,718
June	497	250	747	33,824	47,780	9,416	91,020
July	661	327	988	44,579	68,600	12,017	125,196
August	389	220	609	31,769	56,155	9,843	97,767
September	291	180	471	26,212	68,245	11,342	105,799
October	334	201	535	19,571	46,276	8,971	74,818
November	299	133	432	18,066	56,739	9,452	84,257
December	247	150	397	14,811	54,566	9,692	79,069
1955 :							
January	475	178	653	17,131	48,628	10,721	76,480
February	288	171	459	15,552	52,280	11,116	78,948
March	1,159	326	1,485	16,463	58,928	11,117	86,508

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Including payments to immigrants during training for employment.

‡ Affected by power restrictions occasioned by an industrial dispute.

### 7. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*:

#### Number Receiving Benefits at End of each Month

Last Saturday of Month	Unemployment			Sickness	Special †	All Benefits
	Males	Females	Persons	Persons		
1953 : December	4,393	1,349	5,742	3,219	759	9,720
1954 :						
January	4,309	1,280	5,589	3,124	752	9,465
February	3,327	1,118	4,445	3,274	753	8,472
March	2,612	1,063	3,675	3,276	727	7,678
April	2,401	1,044	3,445	3,108	713	7,266
May	2,053	961	3,014	3,324	747	7,085
June	1,876	934	2,810	3,320	767	6,897
July	1,720	910	2,630	3,531	786	6,947
August	1,476	753	2,229	3,684	775	6,688
September	1,184	642	1,826	3,643	795	6,264
October	838	501	1,339	3,335	775	5,449
November	773	497	1,270	3,386	764	5,420
December	698	484	1,182	3,334	773	5,289
1955 :						
January	797	455	1,252	3,132	782	5,166
February	666	469	1,135	3,212	762	5,109
March	768	474	1,242	3,148	752	5,142

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Excluding immigrants.

## . Industrial Disputes in New South Wales

Compiled by N.S.W. Department of Labour and Industry and Social Welfare

Period	Disputes	Employees Involved			Man-working Days Lost by Employees Involved		
		Mining	Non-mining	Total	Mining	Non-mining	Total
	Number	Thousands					
Year :							
1939	533	203	9	212	381	65	446
1947	1,328	221	78	299	392	735	1,127
1948	1,506	229	48	277	497	278	775
1949	1,303	167	49	216	770	248	1,018
1950	1,694	221	138	359	294	325	619
1951	1,443	335	144	479	409	328	737
1952	1,297	194	181	375	274	485	759
1953	1,119	138	171	309	355	385	740
1954	1,132	166	88	254	256	278	534
1954 :							
March	101	21	4	25	38	6	44
April	70	15	1	16	24	6	30
May	60	6	8	14	9	12	21
June	86	14	10	24	19	11	30
July	128	22	10	32	33	30	63
August	101	35	16	51	47	60	107
September	89	16	14	30	22	21	43
October	78	12	1	13	18	6	24
November	74	11	10	21	26	74	100
December	24	4	7	11	13	4	17
1955 :							
January	47	4	17	21	6	22	28
February	85	9	20	29	15	25	40
March	72	6	9	15	8	17	25

Monthly particulars are approximate.

## 9. Population of New South Wales

Date of Census	Population			Males per 100 Females	Average Annual Rate of Increase since Previous Census
	Males	Females	Persons		
3rd April, 1911	857,698	789,036	1,646,734	109	1.97*
4th April, 1921	1,071,501	1,028,870	2,100,371	104	2.46
30th June, 1933	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	103	1.76
30th June, 1947	1,492,211	1,492,627	2,984,838	100	0.99
30th June, 1954†	1,720,950	1,702,768	3,423,718	101	1.98

\* Since 31st March, 1901.

† Preliminary.

The population of Metropolis (Sydney and Suburbs) at the census of 30th June, 1954, was 1,863,217 persons (preliminary). The area of the statistical metropolis was enlarged as from 1st January, 1954.

## 10. Births, Deaths, and Marriages, New South Wales

Period	Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Marriages	Deaths Under One Year	
					Number	Rate*
Year :						
1949	68,812	29,364	39,448	28,757	1,878	27.3
1950	71,592	30,965	40,627	30,036	1,936	27.0
1951	72,069	31,932	40,137	30,341	1,895	26.3
1952	74,196	32,038	42,158	29,351	1,818	24.5
1953	74,890	31,707	43,183	27,573	1,846	24.6
1954	73,125	32,444	40,681	27,502	1,849	25.2
1953 :						
Mar. Qr.	19,056	6,858	12,198	6,968	427	22.4
June Qr.	18,401	7,767	10,634	7,048	437	23.7
Sept. Qr.	18,923	9,160	9,763	6,033	497	26.3
Dec. Qr.	18,510	7,922	10,588	7,524	485	26.2
1954 :						
Mar. Qr.	18,123	6,854	11,269	7,145	442	24.4
June Qr.	18,607	8,168	10,439	6,926	488	26.1
Sept. Qr.	18,326	9,997	8,329	5,989	484	26.4
Dec. Qr.	18,069	7,425	10,644	7,442	435	24.1

\* Per 1,000 live births.

# BUILDING ACTIVITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Note 1. "Value" represents the estimated cost of the building when completed (exclusive of the land).

2. Building is classified as "government" or "private" according to ownership.

3. The value of building approved is the value of permits issued by local government councils, plus the value of contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities.

4. Buildings on rural holdings are for the most part excluded.

## II. Value of Private and Government Building\* Approved : Area of State

Period	Private	Government	Private and Government				
			Division of Cumberland			Rest of State	Total, N.S.W.
	Total, N.S.W.	Total, N.S.W.	Metropolis †	Balance †	Total		
Year : 1947	41,817	7,322	24,551	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	49,139
1948	49,443	11,343	28,839	12,191	41,030	19,756	60,786
1949	58,923	14,244	34,419	13,847	48,266	24,901	73,167
1950	82,118	17,375	45,276	19,655	64,931	34,562	99,493
1951	97,712	22,386	52,249	23,626	75,875	44,223	120,098
1952	66,404	12,252	32,607	16,311	48,918	29,738	78,656
1953	90,224	21,361	49,526	22,499	72,025	39,560	111,585
1954	110,448	20,051	80,702	3,267	83,969	46,530	130,499
£ thousand							
1953 : Nov.	8,079	2,032	4,473	2,094	6,567	3,544	10,111
Dec.	7,005	1,941	3,505	1,785	5,290	3,656	8,946
1954 : Jan.	6,206	1,400	4,792	200	4,992	2,614	7,606
Feb.	7,900	890	6,059	258	6,317	2,473	8,790
1954 : Nov.	12,297	1,177	9,119	399	9,518	3,956	13,474
Dec.	8,303	2,191	6,098	256	6,354	4,140	10,494
1955 : Jan.	6,879	1,990	5,948	196	6,144	2,725	8,869
Feb.	9,076	834	6,080	331	6,411	3,499	9,910

\* New buildings and alterations and additions combined. † Metropolis enlarged on 1st January, 1954, by transfer of 425 sq. miles from "Balance of Cumberland." Figures since January, 1954, are not comparable with those for earlier periods.

## 12. Value of Private and Government Building\* Approved : Class of Building

Period	Houses	Flats and Conversions to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops and Shops with Dwellings	Factories	Other Buildings	Total	
	£ thousand							
DIVISION OF CUMBERLAND								
Year :	1948	30,858	1,989	103	477	4,389	3,214	41,030
	1949	35,574	2,499	33	724	4,357	5,079	48,266
	1950	46,009	3,596	129	1,271	6,901	7,025	64,931
	1951	47,801	3,589	500	1,533	9,725	12,727	75,875
	1952	31,112	1,124	503	1,147	6,585	8,447	48,918
	1953	49,258	973	1,324	2,608	4,762	13,100	72,025
	1954	51,887	796	1,638	5,574	10,492	13,582	83,969
1953 :	Nov.	4,608	25	156	234	400	1,144	6,567
	Dec.	3,931	253	68	169	324	545	5,290
1954 :	Jan.	3,796	84	76	195	253	588	4,992
	Feb.	3,319	22	144	1,396	608	828	6,317
1954 :	Nov.	4,346	143	198	359	2,850	1,622	9,518
	Dec.	3,535	66	61	203	1,007	1,482	6,354
1955 :	Jan.	3,425	6	66	304	588	1,755	6,144
	Feb.	3,592	164	308	388	646	1,313	6,411

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Year : 1948	46,219	2,267	247	922	5,424	5,707	60,786
1949	54,630	2,991	111	1,178	5,187	9,070	73,167
1950	70,063	4,379	359	2,336	8,619	13,737	99,493
1951	77,067	4,195	1,090	2,906	14,460	20,380	120,098
1952	52,853	1,353	1,227	2,018	8,159	13,046	78,656
1953	78,294	1,632	2,184	4,155	5,475	19,845	111,585
1954	82,210	1,612	3,346	7,726	12,064	23,541	130,499
1953 : Nov.	7,269	82	190	402	424	1,744	10,111
Dec.	6,400	292	281	425	424	1,124	8,946
1954 : Jan.	5,538	122	108	382	303	1,153	7,606
Feb.	5,073	54	278	1,516	644	1,225	8,790
1954 : Nov.	7,084	214	461	543	2,921	2,251	13,474
Dec.	6,004	127	396	342	1,263	2,362	10,494
1955 : Jan.	5,129	11	230	407	710	2,382	8,869
Feb.	5,852	241	326	524	769	2,198	9,910

\* New buildings and alterations and additions combined.

## 13. New House and Flat Building, New South Wales : Number of Dwelling Units

Period	Houses				Flats				Houses and Flats			
	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *
PRIVATE												
Year : 1949 †	28,359	17,933	14,767	19,787	1,039	730	734	797	29,398	18,663	15,501	20,584
1950 †	31,020	19,437	15,866	23,358	1,364	744	634	907	32,384	20,181	16,500	24,265
1951	28,206	21,336	16,252	28,442†	1,091	732	790	849	29,297	22,068	17,042	29,291†
1952	17,827	18,449	19,634	27,257†	271	295	744	529	18,098	18,744	20,378	27,786†
1953	23,103	20,324	21,051	26,530†	393	306	555	271	23,496	20,630	21,606	26,801†
1954	24,254	22,205	22,145	26,590†	499	531	412	384	24,753	22,736	22,557	26,974†
1952 : Dec. Qr.	4,738	4,755	4,753	27,257†	69	42	231	529	4,807	4,797	4,984	27,786†
1953 : Mar. Qr.	5,101	4,276	5,320	26,213†	71	40	163	400	5,172	4,316	5,483	26,613†
June Qr.	5,781	5,089	4,987	26,315†	97	68	172	292	5,878	5,157	5,159	26,607†
Sept. Qr.	6,436	5,589	4,803	27,101†	132	126	122	296	6,568	5,715	4,925	27,397†
Dec. Qr.	5,785	5,370	5,941	26,530†	93	72	98	271	5,878	5,442	6,039	26,801†
1954 : Mar. Qr.	5,164	5,555	5,134	26,951†	101	131	116	282	5,265	5,686	5,250	27,233†
June Qr.	6,053	5,644	5,415	27,180†	139	114	42	354	6,192	5,758	5,457	27,534†
Sept. Qr.	6,868	5,567	5,681	27,066†	111	161	66	449	6,979	5,728	5,747	27,515†
Dec. Qr.	6,169	5,439	5,915	26,590†	148	125	188	384	6,317	5,564	6,103	26,974†
GOVERNMENT												
Year : 1949	3,524	3,419	3,509	4,489	639	630	285	789	4,163	4,049	3,794	5,278
1950	3,909	3,739	3,453	4,775	505	815	335	1,269	4,414	4,554	3,788	6,044
1951	5,247	4,322	4,127	4,970	507	523	330	1,462	5,754	4,845	4,457	6,432
1952	843	2,931	5,250	2,651	(-) 25	236	635	1,063	818	3,167	5,885	3,714
1953	6,232	5,071	4,547	3,175	348	148	1,000	211	6,580	5,219	5,547	3,386
1954	4,511	5,448	6,031	2,592	265	422	273	360	4,776	5,870	6,304	2,952
1952 : Dec. Qr.	367	455	1,463	2,651	...	...	348	1,063	367	455	1,811	3,714
1953 : Mar. Qr.	1,160	927	1,048	2,530	36	...	190	873	1,196	927	1,238	3,403
June Qr.	816	1,032	931	2,631	69	42	316	599	885	1,074	1,247	3,230
Sept. Qr.	1,839	1,199	1,115	2,715	86	53	222	430	1,925	1,252	1,337	3,145
Dec. Qr.	2,417	1,913	1,453	3,175	157	53	272	211	2,574	1,966	1,725	3,386
1954 : Mar. Qr.	852	1,642	914	3,903	76	206	45	372	928	1,848	959	4,275
June Qr.	1,292	1,483	1,738	3,648	33	46	94	324	1,325	1,529	1,832	3,972
Sept. Qr.	1,238	1,322	1,614	3,356	63	24	36	312	1,301	1,346	1,650	3,668
Dec. Qr.	1,129	1,001	1,765	2,592	93	146	98	360	1,222	1,147	1,863	2,952
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT												
Year : 1949†	31,883	21,352	18,276	24,276	1,678	1,360	1,019	1,586	33,561	22,712	19,295	25,862
1950†	34,929	23,176	19,319	28,133	1,869	1,559	969	2,176	36,798	24,735	20,288	30,309
1951	33,453	25,658	20,379	33,412†	1,598	1,255	1,120	2,311	35,051	26,913	21,499	35,723†
1952	18,670	21,380	24,884	29,908†	246	531	1,379	1,592	18,916	21,911	26,263	31,500†
1953	29,335	25,395	25,598	29,705†	741	454	1,555	482	30,076	25,849	27,153	30,187†
1954	28,765	27,653	28,176	29,182†	764	953	685	744	29,529	28,606	28,861	29,926†
1952 : Dec. Qr.	5,105	5,210	6,216	29,908†	69	42	579	1,592	5,174	5,252	6,795	31,500†
1953 : Mar. Qr.	6,261	5,203	6,368	28,743†	107	40	353	1,273	6,368	5,243	6,721	30,016†
June Qr.	6,597	6,121	5,918	28,946†	166	110	488	891	6,763	6,231	6,406	29,837†
Sept. Qr.	8,275	6,788	5,918	29,816†	218	179	344	726	8,493	6,967	6,262	30,542†
Dec. Qr.	8,202	7,283	7,394	29,705†	250	125	370	482	8,452	7,408	7,764	30,187†
1954 : Mar. Qr.	6,016	7,197	6,048	30,854†	177	337	161	654	6,193	7,534	6,209	31,508†
June Qr.	7,345	7,127	7,153	30,822†	172	160	136	678	7,517	7,287	7,289	31,506†
Sept. Qr.	8,106	6,889	7,295	30,422†	174	185	102	761	8,280	7,074	7,397	31,183†
Dec. Qr.	7,298	6,440	7,680	29,182†	241	271	286	744	7,539	6,711	7,966	29,926†

\* At end of period, includes some private houses on which work has been suspended or abandoned. † Partly estimated.  
 ‡ "Private approved"—local government permits to build. "Government approved"—contracts let and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities. Statistics of dwellings approved are available monthly; figures for current months are as follows :—

Ownership	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
New Houses and Flats Approved : Number of Dwelling Units.													
Private	1954	1,652	1,642	1,971	1,930	1,981	2,281	2,100	2,436	2,443	2,203	2,204	1,910
	1955	1,584	1,954										
Gov'tment	1954	456	218	254	549	272	504	414	276	611	667	339	216
	1955	112	66										
Total	1954	2,108	1,860	2,225	2,479	2,253	2,785	2,514	2,712	3,054	2,870	2,543	2,126
	1955	1,696	2,020										

(-) denotes excess of contracts cancelled over contracts let.

### 14. New South Wales Government Railways: Traffic and Finances

Period	Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (excluding livestock)	Earnings*	Working Expenses†	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses
	Thousands	Thous. tons		£ thousand	
Year: 1938-39	186,720	14,679	19,146	14,543	4,603
1948-49	263,116	16,903	39,663	35,739	3,924
1949-50	258,183	15,890	40,122‡	39,281	841
1950-51	268,567	17,131	49,448	49,168	280
1951-52	268,168	18,528	68,910	64,020	4,890
1952-53	271,698	17,877	72,676	66,452	6,224
1953-54	278,904	19,351	74,569	67,397	7,172
1953-54: July-Feb.	183,487	12,785	48,503	42,541	5,962
1954-55: July-Feb.	186,261	12,538	50,026	44,668	5,358
1953: November	24,087	1,636	6,115	5,233	882
December	22,581	1,455	6,206	5,520	686
1954: January	22,839	1,459	5,780	5,077	703
February	22,845	1,424	5,212	5,155	57
1954: November	24,227	1,595	6,528	5,569	959
December	22,775	1,673	7,278	5,692	1,586
1955: January	22,852	1,143	5,368	5,467	(-) 99
February	23,737	1,413	5,386	5,569	(-) 183

\* Excludes grants from Consolidated Revenue (£1,800,000 in 1953-54). † Excluding capital charges such as interest, exchange, etc.; a proportion of sinking fund for retirement of assets is included. ‡ Excludes a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

### 15. New South Wales Government Tramways and Omnibuses: Finances

Period	Gross Revenue			Working Expenses*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Trams	Buses	Total		
			£ thousand		
Year: 1938-39	3,449	925	4,374	3,707	667
1948-49	5,098	3,643	8,741	8,580	161
1949-50	4,792	4,307	9,099†	9,531	(-) 439
1950-51	5,162	5,110	10,272	11,208	(-) 929
1951-52	5,510	5,680	11,190	13,807	(-) 2,617
1952-53	5,690	5,836	11,526	14,240	(-) 2,714
1953-54	5,542	6,033	11,575	13,631	(-) 2,056
1953-54: July-Feb.	3,670	4,031	7,701	9,063	(-) 1,362
1954-55: July-Feb.	3,484	4,107	7,591	8,865	(-) 1,274
1953: November	467	506	973	1,139	(-) 166
December	478	526	1,004	1,159	(-) 155
1954: January	438	482	920	1,092	(-) 172
February	443	507	950	1,011	(-) 61
1954: November	436	524	960	1,105	(-) 145
December	429	572	1,001	1,142	(-) 141
1955: January	418	526	944	1,099	(-) 155
February	396	494	890	1,095	(-) 205

\* Exclusive of sinking fund, interest on loan capital, exchange, and depreciation (£1,020,506 in year 1953-54).

† Excludes a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

### 16. Port of Sydney: Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

Compiled by Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. Vessels transporting troops, war equipment and supplies are included. Warships are excluded.

Period	Oversea		Interstate		Intra-state		Total	
	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward
	Thousand tons (Measurement and Weight Combined)							
Year: 1938-39	2,045	1,429	1,187	798	1,896	340	5,128	2,567
1949-50	3,137	1,934	905	573	1,616	130	5,658	2,637
1950-51	3,851	1,521	892	540	1,781	135	6,524	2,196
1951-52	4,236	1,155	903	533	1,837	116	6,976	1,804
1952-53	2,452	1,255	871	675	1,881	92	5,204	2,022
1953-54	3,166	1,433	948	798	2,028	62	6,142	2,293
1954: Mar. Qr.	799	346	209	201	402	25	1,410	572
June Qr.	885	346	249	223	514	10	1,648	579
Sept. Qr.	863	301	279	194	526	10	1,668	505
Dec. Qr.	795	328	237	165	523	14	1,555	507
1955: Mar. Qr.	934	354	224	170	438	16	1,596	540

## 17. Motor Vehicles on the Register\* in New South Wales

End of Month	Cars	Omni-buses	Taxi-cabs and Hire Cars	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Trailers	All Other Vehicles†	Total on Register
1939 : June	213,331	1,430	3,278	76,726	294,765	24,151	6,414	2,298	327,628
1945 : June	182,972	1,891	2,962	82,957	270,782	16,068	9,065	2,397	298,310
1947 : June	195,857	2,200	3,330	113,544	314,931	25,172	14,712	3,635	358,450
1949 : June	232,837	2,947	3,562	140,338	379,684	36,379	21,525	6,362	443,950
1951 : June	308,294	3,363	4,159	181,529	497,345	46,851	28,131	9,328	581,655
1952 : June	338,640	3,429	4,474	196,295	542,838	47,552	31,429	10,482	632,301
1953 : June	360,573	3,417	4,471	199,870	568,331	45,100	34,173	11,413	659,017
1954 : June	393,951	3,457	4,446	210,142	611,996	42,451	37,853	13,136	705,436
1953 : Nov.	374,403	3,433	4,479	204,713	587,028	44,147	35,643	12,172	678,990
Dec.	378,246	3,437	4,480	206,010	592,173	44,072	36,499	12,340	685,084
1954 : Jan.	379,932	3,441	4,472	206,201	594,046	43,860	36,923	12,435	687,264
Feb.	381,805	3,454	4,470	206,571	596,300	43,604	36,991	12,575	689,470
1954 : Nov.	412,849	3,540	4,601	216,349	637,339	41,565	39,733	14,049	732,686
Dec.	416,569	3,555	4,613	217,749	642,486	41,468	40,609	14,265	738,828
1955 : Jan.	418,257	3,555	4,610	218,247	644,669	41,319	41,185	14,339	741,512
Feb.	421,905	3,560	4,620	219,735	649,820	41,149	41,362	14,539	746,870

\* Excludes defence vehicles. † Comprises traders' plates, tourist vehicles, and tractors (excluding tractors used solely on farms); details are shown in the Statistical Bulletin (Quarterly).

## 18. New Motor Vehicles Registered\* in New South Wales : Types

Period	Cars†	Taxi-cabs‡	Omni-buses‡	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Tractors§ and Trailers	Total
Year : 1938-39	19,924	569	130	7,712	28,335	2,196	1,714	32,245
1947-48	16,659	133	329	9,079	26,200	4,451	3,521	34,172
1948-49	25,466	186	339	11,674	37,665	7,442	4,177	49,284
1949-50	41,163	133	212	20,158	61,666	8,659	5,004	75,329
1950-51	46,689	323	84	29,076	76,172	8,855	5,578	90,605
1951-52	41,426	267	127	25,628	67,448	6,018	5,779	79,245
1952-53	30,989	509	123	18,436	50,057	3,042	5,653	58,752
1953-54	43,174	445	117	21,257	64,993	2,964	6,216	74,173
1953-54 : July-Feb.	26,759	338	81	13,622	40,800	1,872	4,370	47,042
1954-55 : July-Feb.	34,486	214	49	16,089	50,838	2,193	5,495	58,526
1953 : November	3,846	41	11	1,890	5,788	274	593	6,655
December	4,089	33	6	1,929	6,057	236	990	7,283
1954 : January	2,576	12	13	1,324	3,925	206	664	4,795
February	2,964	27	10	1,376	4,377	203	387	4,967
1954 : November	4,333	27	10	2,107	6,477	283	703	7,463
December	4,383	25	7	2,120	6,535	329	1,217	8,081
1955 : January	2,603	5	3	1,392	4,003	259	821	5,083
February	4,634	39	2	1,815	6,490	309	492	7,291

\* Excludes defence vehicles. † Includes taxi-cabs and omnibuses in country districts. ‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only. § Tractors used solely on farms are not registered.

## 19. New Motor Vehicles Registered in New South Wales : Country of Origin

Period	Cars					Lorries, Utilities, and Vans				
	Aus-tralia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total	Aus-tralia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total
Year : 1938-39	...	38.8	60.6	0.6	19,924	...	25.0	74.6	0.4	7,712
1947-48	...	53.5	45.7	0.8	16,659	...	18.3	81.7	...	9,079
1948-49	3.1	76.5	18.7	1.7	25,466	...	50.1	49.8	0.1	11,674
1949-50	11.7	77.2	7.9	3.2	41,163	...	72.0	27.4	0.6	20,158
1950-51	16.5	67.5	10.1	5.9	46,689	1.9	75.8	21.7	0.6	29,076
1951-52	19.3	62.2	11.8	6.7	41,426	7.9	63.7	26.8	1.6	25,628
1952-53	32.3	50.1	14.5	3.1	30,989	18.8	49.8	29.4	2.0	18,436
1953-54	29.3	53.1	14.2	3.4	43,174	19.8	48.9	29.3	2.0	21,257
1953-54 : July-Feb.	30.8	51.8	14.3	3.1	26,759	19.2	48.6	30.1	2.1	13,622
1954-55 : July-Feb.	26.6	55.4	12.1	5.9	34,486	24.4	46.0	26.8	2.8	16,089
1953 : November	27.6	54.5	14.0	3.9	3,846	20.9	49.7	26.9	2.5	1,890
December	29.4	56.0	12.4	2.2	4,089	18.4	49.7	29.7	2.2	1,929
1954 : January	25.1	58.2	13.3	3.4	2,576	19.3	47.7	30.8	2.2	1,324
February	29.1	53.8	14.5	2.6	2,964	22.0	49.9	27.1	1.0	1,376
1954 : November	30.2	50.9	12.5	6.4	4,333	25.6	43.8	27.7	2.9	2,107
December	29.1	49.8	12.9	8.2	4,383	24.2	49.4	24.4	2.0	2,120
1955 : January	24.6	56.9	11.1	7.4	2,603	19.4	51.2	23.4	6.0	1,392
February	25.2	59.5	9.1	6.2	4,634	21.0	46.0	29.0	4.0	1,815

## 20. Coal Production in New South Wales

Period of Four Weeks *	Last Day of Period (1955 Dates)	1942	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Thousand tons								
1st†	Jan. 22	731	714	442	622	604	605	296p
2nd	Feb. 19	933	952	876	1,134	1,135	1,151	1,194p
3rd	Mar. 19	981	932	888	1,292	1,139	1,217	1,027p
4th	Apr. 16	886	925	1,052	1,158	1,008	1,134	1,103p
5th	May 14	1,003	1,013	980	1,171	931	1,119	
6th	June 11	965	1,038	1,052	1,147	999	1,285	
7th	July 9	918	923	1,168	1,236	1,052	1,155	
8th	Aug. 6	953	961	1,158	1,177	1,309	1,201	
9th	Sept. 3	1,028	1,144	1,174	1,240	1,247	1,221	
10th	Oct. 1	984	1,051	1,205	1,287	1,242	1,246	
11th	Oct. 29	973	1,120	1,255	1,267	1,232	1,257	
12th	Nov. 26	965	1,093	1,222	1,272	1,284	1,211	
13th†	Dec. 24	886	932	1,041	1,019	992	1,284	
Year : Underground		12,150	11,197	11,224	12,492	12,452	13,707	
Open Cut ...		56	1,601	2,289	2,530	1,722	1,379	
Total ...		12,206	12,798	13,513	15,022	14,174	15,086	

## Sixteen weeks ended—

	Apr. 18	Apr. 22	Apr. 21	Apr. 19	Apr. 18	Apr. 17	Apr. 16
Northern District ...	2,400	2,354	2,087	2,618	2,455	2,578	2,236p
Southern District ...	653*	593	635	749	810	906	887p
Western District ...	478	575	536	839	620	624	497p
Underground		3,113	2,759	3,411	3,375	3,687	3,425p
Open Cut ...	n.a.	409	499	795	510	421	195p
Total ...	3,531	3,522	3,258	4,206	3,885	4,108	3,620p

\* Periods in Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in 1942.

† Miners' mid-summer holidays

	1942. Public holidays only.	1950. { N-1 wk. S & W-2 wks. }	1951. { 2 weeks }	1952. 2 weeks	1953. 2 weeks	1954. 2 weeks	1955. 3 weeks
In 1st Period ...							
In 13th Period		1 week	1 week	1 week	1 week	Nil.	

## 21. Consumption of Gas and Electricity, Sydney

(Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity)

Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units. The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

Month	Average 1929 to 1931	1939	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	100	125	218	221	235	251	252	275	285r
February	100	125	227	241	240	258	263	277	297
March	100	130	231	238	235	253	264	285	
April	100	125	222	226	243	249	256	273	
May	100	128	229	237	240	253	261	286	
June	100	131	189	232	245	250	274	300	
July	100	134	118	214	253	254	276	296	
August	100	135	173	234	255	248	273	296	
September	100	134	228	236	248	251	276	304	
October	100	135	224	238	255	254	279	294	
November	100	136	239	246	265	256	283	303	
December	100	131	231	236	246	265	282	299	
Year	100	131	209	233	247	253	270	291	

## MONTHLY PRODUCTION, NEW SOUTH WALES

Statistics for 1952-53 are final, but all figures from July, 1953, are subject to revision.

## 22. Production of Food and Drink

Period	Butter *	Cheese *	Processed Whole Milk Products	Bacon and Ham *	Jam	Preserved Fruit	Preserved Vegetables
Thousand lb.							
Year : 1938-39	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1948-49	74,519	5,577	44,868	29,649	33,234	29,676	24,480
1949-50	82,469	6,333	51,215	28,879	36,246	31,748	32,265
1950-51	76,873	6,630	45,827	28,157	31,096	35,743	32,130
1951-52	52,501	4,469	38,577	27,911§	29,260	48,106	37,823
1952-53	83,076	7,084	54,451	29,509	20,095	37,118	35,880
1953-54p	66,557	7,191	45,746	25,759	23,496	52,225	19,570
1953-54 : July-Feb.	46,482	5,705	35,707	17,259	14,814	13,966	13,983
1954-55 : July-Feb.	63,113	4,001	17,753	17,396	14,291	19,228	15,040
1953 : November	7,225	1,069	5,807	2,584	744	125	4,415
December	5,799	798	4,664	3,052	1,508	1,190	2,362
1954 : January	7,232	696	4,636	1,634	n.a.	6,901	1,299
February	7,908	614	3,825	1,582	1,994	4,676	1,377
1954 : November	10,924	724	2,589	2,536	1,143	94	2,813
December	12,029	792	2,389	3,292	2,428	4,576	2,492
1955 : January	10,406	547	2,669	1,672	2,322	3,433	1,586
February	10,189	546	2,295	1,785	2,439	9,651	1,917

Period	Flour (Wheaten)	Bran (Wheaten)	Pollard (Wheaten)	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch)	Biscuits †
Tons (2,000 lb.)			Cwt.		Thous. lb.
Year : 1938-39	547,162	107,779	121,154	n.a.	43,611
1948-49	646,199	117,813	151,468	153,853	53,299
1949-50	577,482	98,478	133,294	154,645	60,789
1950-51	677,682	112,744	146,879	179,891	67,725
1951-52	563,325	97,733	131,498	203,440	76,732
1952-53	521,957	84,221	125,575	198,345	73,432
1953-54p	590,801	87,678	125,561	192,885	73,742
1953-54 : July-Feb.	394,927	59,167	85,614	132,413	49,358
1954-55 : July-Feb.	361,794	54,817	73,933	132,129	48,748
1953 : November	52,151	8,096	11,637	17,165	6,123
December	47,838	7,128	10,402	12,792	6,345
1954 : January	46,052	6,729	9,505	10,399	5,290
February	37,037	5,517	7,662	14,937	5,203
1954 : November	41,765	6,494	8,261	18,146	6,253
December	49,471	7,967	9,908	13,947	6,505
1955 : January	51,187	7,967	10,711	8,816	4,415
February	48,112	7,510	10,353	15,433	5,162

Period	Margarine		Ice Cream	Confectionery		Beer
	Table	Other		Chocolate (excl.coverture)	Other	
	Thousand lb.		Thous. gal.	Thousand lb.		Thous. gal.
Year : 1938-39	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988†	26,811	33,899
1948-49	13,559	33,598	6,954	27,253	34,094	54,104
1949-50	8,457	38,242	7,540	28,910	31,307	54,704
1950-51	5,619	36,328	7,711	25,766	34,900	61,966
1951-52	11,146	41,017	7,937	23,243	36,894	66,799
1952-53	9,219	34,989	5,322	20,829	35,673	72,672
1953-54p	13,897	36,524	5,736	21,631	33,385	80,968
1953-54 : July-Feb.	8,954	23,118	4,206	12,763	22,119	53,658
1954-55 : July-Feb.	n.a.	n.a.	4,337	10,833	23,944	58,758
1953: November	1,144	3,106	650	1,320	3,127	7,094
December	890	2,877	756	1,071	2,730	7,684
1954 : January	831	1,878	689	1,011	1,697	7,339
February	736	2,529	562	1,567	2,287	6,678
1954 : November	n.a.	n.a.	625	1,299	3,679	8,149
December	n.a.	n.a.	705	1,033	2,950	7,822
1955 : January	n.a.	2,303	696	972	1,752	7,702
February	n.a.	n.a.	616	1,462	2,742	8,020

\* Production in factories only.

† Excluding ice cream cones.

‡ Including couverture.

§ From July, 1951, the production of pressed ham and canned bacon and ham was changed from a "bone-out" to a "bone-in" weight basis.

## 23. Production of Metals, Coal and Energy

Period	Gold	Coal	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron	Ingot Steel	Gas	Electricity
	Fine oz.			Thousand tons		Mill. cub. ft.	Mill. kWh
Year : 1938-39	88,488	9,987*	1,136†	1,105†	1,168†	10,896	1,948
1948-49	57,981	11,736	1,130	897	1,129	18,151	3,717
1949-50	47,288	11,290	1,164	1,002	1,266	17,846	3,758
1950-51	52,714	12,683	1,488	1,158	1,405	19,444	4,241
1951-52	40,761	14,800	1,607	1,219	1,473	20,537	4,628
1952-53	32,040	14,289	1,866	1,541	1,846	20,216	4,868
1953-54p	31,916	15,012	1,998	1,618	2,086	21,003	5,320
1953-54 : July-Feb.	19,494	9,805	1,320	1,103	1,383	13,831	3,429
1954-55 : July-Feb.	17,171	9,655	1,365	1,151	1,469	14,314	3,895
1953 : November	2,429	1,284	167	139	178	1,644	424
December	2,132	993	166	144	163	1,598	414
1954 : January	2,278	915	167	142	176	1,569	408
February	2,677	1,136	156	121	148	1,439	395
1954 : November	1,493	1,341	168	145	185	1,693	481
December	1,577	1,154	180	149	185	1,662	470
1955 : January	1,545	612	178	142	170	1,569	456
February	1,488	1,215	161	123	152	1,455	455

\*Estimated. † Year ended 31st May. ‡ Monthly totals are approximate.

## 24. Production of Miscellaneous Metal Products

Period	Engines (Internal Combustion)		Electric Motors		Motor Bodies (Excl. Cabins and Conversions)	Pedal Cycles
	Marine	Other	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.		
			Number 26,671*			
Year : 1938-39	977	1,214			5,425	36,416
1948-49	2,343	16,642	182,290	31,338	4,341	27,605
1949-50	2,185	17,560	274,228	26,146	6,646	26,539
1950-51	2,160	21,586	369,684	34,166	8,866	29,156
1951-52	1,887	20,593	417,945	34,255	9,276	28,701
1952-53	1,140	10,986	353,820	21,251	9,431	21,766
1953-54p	1,298	15,519	547,216	22,398	21,519	23,232
1953-54 : July-Feb.	926	10,571	357,843	12,611	13,464	16,489
1954-55 : July-Feb.	880	10,154	560,731	19,612	16,365	18,526
1953 : November	146	1,428	49,084	1,619	1,888	2,545
December	121	1,500	53,987	1,442	1,647	4,036
1954 : January	73	762	44,361	1,246	1,281	1,004
February	116	1,551	49,880	1,691	1,546	1,489
1954 : November	135	1,251	78,336	3,191	2,244	3,421
December	135	1,388	66,559	1,868	1,922	3,555
1955 : January	77	972	54,891	1,746	1,425	
February	70	1,132	75,639	2,729	2,144	2,823

\* Electric motors for sale as such; later totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products.

## 25. Production of Clothing

Period	Hosiery		Hats (Felt)	Brassieres	Gloves		Boots, Shoes, and Sandals*	Slippers
	Women's, Maids' and Girls'	Other			Dress	Work*		
	Dozen pairs		Dozen		Dozen pairs		Thousand pairs	
Year : 1938-39	520,127	535,092	135,262	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1948-49	351,054	411,453	147,498	116,876	9,727	106,474	6,117	2,804
1949-50	383,837	374,572	118,724	148,312	11,041	106,610	6,024	2,822
1950-51	465,854	423,477	115,241	168,814	14,277	125,834	6,287	2,755
1951-52	463,596	376,536	86,586	163,163	15,362	151,555	6,155	2,465
1952-53	565,016	337,153	94,879	148,727	21,761	112,503	5,967	2,444
1953-54p	609,355	439,236	99,920	174,375	25,958	145,447	6,584	2,833
1953-54 : July-Feb.	395,054	285,275	63,699	116,136	18,779	91,455	4,385	1,901
1954-55 : July-Feb.	437,936	275,700	53,516	99,650	8,751	118,197	4,272	1,215
1953 : November	54,808	40,062	9,724	17,035	2,834	12,668	611	263
December	44,271	37,456	6,102	17,602	2,072	9,709	530	259
1954 : January	33,141	21,574	8,801	8,710	1,173	8,824	359	140
February	45,555	32,815	8,646	13,637	1,793	11,667	483	251
1954 : November	64,708	39,666	7,337	15,654	1,445	15,786	620	189
December	50,165	36,530	4,659	15,082	654	15,477	495	121
1955 : January	29,489	19,857	6,894	9,583	547	9,744	306	86
February	51,917	29,823	7,618	13,138	739	15,669	463	152

\* Excluding articles of rubber.

## 26. Production of Building Materials and Fittings

Period	Sawn Timber (Native) *	Bricks (Clay)	Tiles		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Cement
			Terra Cotta	Cement			
	Mill. sup. ft.	Thousands			Thousand sq. yd.		Tons
Year: 1938-39	179.4	379,236	20,129	n.a.	5,291	2,671	432,487
1948-49	353.7	314,323	22,783	5,652	8,695	4,415	465,354
1949-50	341.1	300,356	22,124	8,362	8,634	4,171	554,966
1950-51	338.3	341,994	22,590	11,213	9,777	4,963	613,425
1951-52	380.6	354,545	22,765	20,273	10,545	4,962	594,276
1952-53	347.3	300,328	28,034	5,692	9,384	4,616	670,644
1953-54p	374.2	362,228	30,608	8,356	9,870	5,265	724,070
1953-54 : July-Feb.	254.2	230,522	19,836	5,328	6,291	3,295	451,057
1954-55 : July-Feb.	247.2	250,709	20,053	6,565	6,903	3,834	547,098
1953: November	31.0	30,566	2,682	865	840	462	55,516
December	33.8	26,607	2,334	817	739	373	58,277
1954: January	24.9	21,324	1,838	595	543	346	46,010
February	22.8	27,383	2,359	695	789	437	47,318
1954: November	32.0	34,445	2,625	972	864	531	68,798
December	37.9	27,696	2,437	758	807	425	63,462
1955: January	24.4	21,859	1,815	676	520	331	52,383
February	23.9	30,450	2,540	803	867	442	61,505

Period	Paints		Stoves, Domestic Cooking			
	Ready-Mixed Paint	Lacquers and Enamels	Solid Fuel	Gas	Electric	
					Stoves	Stovettes Excl. Cookers
	Thousand gal.		Number			
Year : 1938-39	n.a.	863	17,154	17,736	4,930	
1942-49	1,823	1,569	12,810	19,906	18,908	n.a.
1949-50	1,914	1,826	10,307	20,723	14,178	23,128
1950-51	2,577	1,575	14,183	26,933	16,623	38,074
1951-52	2,598	1,771	15,214	25,232	17,022	26,290
1952-53	2,078	1,725	11,316	17,556	8,137	17,522
1953-54p	2,418	2,290	13,422	22,841	12,726	20,340
1953-54 : July-Feb.	1,563	1,488	n.a.	14,867	6,931	12,846
1954-55 : July-Feb.	1,802	1,793	10,010	n.a.	13,931	12,672
1953: November	188	216	1,245	2,000	1,089	1,850
December	208	190	859	1,812	966	1,826
1954: January	164	145	594	1,285	635	1,021
February	168	161	n.a.	1,497	833	1,666
1954: November	257	253	1,280	n.a.	1,688	1,757
December	241	192	1,058	n.a.	1,807	1,652
1955: January	218	108	751	n.a.	1,096	950
February	225	189	1,045	n.a.	2,146	1,366

Period	Sinks (Stainless Steel)	Sink Heaters (Gas and Electric)	Bath Heaters (All Types)	Hot Water Systems (Storage— All Types)	Coppers (complete)	
					Gas	Electric
				Number		
Year : 1938-39	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1948-49	12,867	11,978	63,916	18,885	24,256	14,121
1949-50	18,431	8,436	65,772	19,713	20,765	16,470
1950-51	22,759	10,333	68,273	29,775	24,847	24,081
1951-52	26,349	13,537	62,492	28,707	19,974	21,712
1952-53	24,517	6,800	47,523	18,170	12,396	10,979
1953-54p	28,660	7,459	49,442	24,942	n.a.	14,713
1953-54: July-Febr.	18,509	5,415	30,176	16,030	n.a.	9,648
1954-55: July-Febr.	n.a.	6,978	32,735	18,012	16,985	
1953: November	2,389	769	3,225	2,479	n.a.	1,108
December	2,139	646	3,961	1,902	n.a.	1,130
1954: January	1,803	477	3,054	1,312	n.a.	753
February	2,335	636	3,442	1,944	n.a.	1,007
1954: November	n.a.	1,108	4,073	2,709	1,991	
December	n.a.	693	3,864	1,925	1,824	
1955: January	n.a.	540	2,189	1,266	979	
February	n.a.	889	3,664	2,258	1,942	

\*Including sawn sleepers.

## 27. Production of Miscellaneous Products

Period	Refrigerators (Household)	Electric Clothes Washing Machines (Domestic)	Electric Toasters	Mattresses		
				Wire	Inner Spring	Other
Number						
Year : 1938-39	13,102	n.a.	n.a.	79,140	17,407	n.a.
1948-49	84,232	5,751	74,045	55,590	85,574	166,699
1949-50	90,653	9,965	86,613	69,650	107,057	190,543
1950-51	113,03	19,163	70,676	78,285	157,406	166,865
1951-52	101,195	23,097	107,448	67,264	128,104	118,942
1952-53	91,717	14,669	47,049	80,961	148,554	98,352
1953-54p	158,669	43,803	63,471	100,696	192,582	96,758
1953-54 : July-Feb.	115,548	19,638	43,039	65,251	125,633	65,819
1954-55 : July-Feb.	151,805	46,302	47,696	64,279	132,697	61,881
1953 : November	18,137	2,094	7,207	9,497	18,422	8,435
December	19,499	1,923	6,554	8,498	17,991	8,899
1954 : January	15,815	1,905	3,657	6,131	13,861	6,454
February	13,856	2,607	4,414	7,176	15,531	7,526
1954 : November	21,598	5,541	7,955	9,360	18,351	8,228
December	19,706	5,501	6,527	8,054	18,283	7,790
1955 : January	12,867	4,067	3,481	5,453	11,932	5,717
February	10,047	5,240	6,429	8,646	18,056	7,812

Period	Wireless Cabinets	Radios		Radiograms	Sulphate of Ammonia	Sulphuric Acid
		Portable (incl. Car)	Mantel, Console and Table			
Number				Tons		
Year : 1938-39	133,760	.....124,689.....			20,960	85,501
1948 49	180,023	.....177,393.....			28,780	94,542
1949 50	222,818	.....157,190.....		34,989	32,353	93,763
1950-51	276,682	.....197,026.....		60,616	37,222	112,151
1951-52	227,014	.....165,511.....		45,655	43,549	117,035
1952-53	156,739	56,030	76,547	40,787	48,078	124,359
1953-54p	260,305	78,046	124,561	57,762	53,587	148,513
1953-54 : July-Feb.	147,302	51,663	80,737	36,880	34,713	95,793
1954-55 : July-Feb.	209,712	61,151	91,025	43,118	36,938	114,170
1953 : November	25,796	8,558	14,371	5,065	4,259	10,961
December	20,428	9,458	10,807	4,912	4,199	12,866
1954 : January	13,199	4,603	5,140	2,964	3,832	13,527
February	17,424	6,189	7,164	3,821	3,477	12,301
1954 : November	30,656	8,470	13,064	6,080	4,773	14,187
December	26,569	11,811	10,941	4,625	4,968	14,761
1955 : January	13,298	5,086	5,575	2,592	4,054	14,577
February	18,582	7,945	7,313	4,768	4,552	13,710

Period	Soap †				Cleansing and Scouring Powders (excl. Synthetic Detergents)
	Toilet (incl. Shampoos and Shaving Soap)	Household (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Industrial (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Other (Liquid, Soft and Sand)	
Cwt.					
Year : 1938-39	107,390	.....384,103.....		56,301	28,502*
1948-49	219,348	.....619,492.....		106,813	58,348*
1949-50	227,888	620,561	42,302	102,380	47,468*
1950-51	241,185	666,063	62,289	99,160	53,696*
1951-52	265,115	710,139	56,189	106,550	55,246
1952-53	231,759	692,804	67,475	87,007	44,014
1953-54p	265,054	666,246	76,828	91,228	46,822
1953-54 : July-Feb.	164,159	396,029	46,735	59,300	30,200
1954-55 : July-Feb.	182,126†	450,532†	63,869†	69,732†	28,749
1953 : November	24,480	51,453	5,996	7,048	3,743
December	20,411	51,277	6,806	7,427	3,268
1954 : January	15,687	31,282	4,235	7,684	3,183
February	18,376	54,073	5,931	6,749	4,353
1954 : November	28,908†	63,712†	9,476†	10,549†	4,303
December	25,401	60,845	10,254	9,247	2,939
1955 : January	16,209	57,657	6,656	7,452	2,325
February	26,587	56,495	6,851	9,225	3,629

\*Includes synthetic detergents. † Figures to June, 1954, include synthetic detergents, but thereafter these are excluded.

**28. Index of Rainfall in Rural Districts, New South Wales**  
(Normal rainfall for each month = 100)

Month	Sheep Districts					Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying Districts			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1953 : November	81	121	138	68	111	80	107	143	126	40	47	66	45
December	10	40	36	21	28	7	40	26	27	36	27	50	35
1954 : January	81	140	222	132	149	92	148	254	206	70	119	94	86
February	283	344	168	168	250	282	338	167	226	423	337	288	384
March	17	4	4	1	7	12	6	4	6	40	73	12	45
April	23	65	112	110	73	22	75	120	96	72	60	22	62
May	38	9	27	9	23	22	11	28	23	159	69	16	118
June	72	56	63	90	67	81	58	60	62	49	67	38	52
July	118	46	37	140	73	56	46	34	40	267	89	44	193
August	84	55	86	82	76	62	56	92	79	130	122	65	120
September	73	64	54	44	61	57	61	56	57	273	227	55	233
October	359	298	112	239	248	358	259	111	181	216	239	128	211
November	161	145	262	138	187	179	162	265	228	109	141	162	124
December	73	93	180	234	131	62	93	221	167	66	87	57	70
1955 : January	155	162	56	82	117	171	138	50	88	117	134	105	120
February	326	574	354	325	405	410	509	398	428	75	326	219	158
March	33	48	140	134	83	13	63	155	113	154	172	96	151

N.—Northern.

C.—Central.

S.—Southern.

W.—Western.

T.—Total, all Districts.

**WOOL**

**29. Number of Sheep, Sheep Shorn, and Production of Wool, New South Wales**  
Sheep as at 31st March. Sheep Shorn and Wool Production (as in grease) in season ended June

Particulars	1938-39	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
Sheep ... mill.	48.9	50.4	53.3	54.1	53.7	57.5	59.6
Sheep shorn ... mill.	51.5	48.1	53.6	52.9	52.7	56.7	59.2
Wool produced* mill. lb.	437.1	463.2	515.0	492.1	437.8	556.6	544.9

\* Includes crutchings and wool from skins.

**30. Wool Received into Store and Unsold in Store, New South Wales**  
(Excluding Albury Centre and Joint Organisation Stocks)

Period	Received into Store during period				Unsold in Store at end of period			
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
Thousand bales								
Season : 1947-48	869.2	152.1	46.9	1,068.2	13.7	1.2	0.2	15.1
1948-49	998.9	181.1	54.4	1,234.4	75.7	2.8	0.5	79.0
1949-50	1,066.6	218.9	57.0	1,342.5	11.6	1.3	0.1	13.0
1950-51	1,052.4	176.0	51.2	1,279.6	24.6	1.8	0.4	26.8
1951-52	903.6	164.4	42.7	1,110.7	14.9	0.7	0.2	15.8
1952-53	1,136.2	207.2	53.2	1,396.6	17.5	0.8	...	18.3
1953-54	1,108.7	262.2	57.6	1,428.5	19.1	1.9	0.1	21.1
1953-54: July-Mar.	959.1	235.6	55.1	1,249.8	62.0	16.2	4.6	82.8
1954-55: July-Mar.	915.1	218.0	55.5	1,188.6	153.0	18.4	6.7	178.1
1953: December	67.7	11.8	4.6	84.1	334.0	90.7	30.8	455.5
1954: January	18.2	4.3	0.6	23.1	282.3	62.0	22.2	366.5
February	27.9	5.2	0.4	33.5	160.1	34.8	13.6	208.5
March	61.5	14.5	0.4	76.4	62.0	16.2	4.6	82.8
1954: December	76.1	15.2	5.5	96.8	380.5	77.0	31.1	488.6
1955: January	25.2	6.4	0.8	32.4	280.6	45.1	22.7	348.4
February	30.2	5.8	0.4	36.4	185.6	50.9	14.2	250.7
March	28.7	5.6	0.6	34.9	153.0	18.4	6.7	178.1

### 31. Wool: Sales at Auction, New South Wales.

Excluding Albury Centre. Includes small quantities bought-in by Joint Organisation, but excludes sales from stocks held by Joint Organisation.

Period	Wool Sold					Amount Realised				
	Greasy and Scoured			Total		Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Greasy	Scoured					
Thousand bales *										
Season: 1938-39	1,144.6	32.1	...	1,118.9	57.8	n.a.	n.a.	...	15,521	
1948-49	925.4	170.2	54.0	1,079.0	70.6	53,699	10,193	3,439	67,331	
1949-50	1,118.4	202.7	57.1	1,293.8	84.4	86,510	16,217	4,987	107,714	
1950-51	1,038.6	175.5	50.9	1,194.8	70.2	185,502	32,589	10,113	228,204	
1951-52	912.2	165.4	43.3	1,071.9	49.0	85,188	15,943	4,130	105,261	
1952-53	1,132.8	207.1	53.3	1,340.8	52.4	122,090	23,153	6,105	151,348	
1953-54	1,106.5	260.8	57.6	1,380.0	44.9	112,084	26,580	6,131	144,795	
1953-54: July-Mar.	914.0	220.0	50.5	1,151.9	32.6	93,734	22,901	5,491	122,126	
1954-55: July-Mar.	780.6	201.4	48.9	1,002.5	28.4	70,933	18,457	4,603	93,993	
1953: December	67.4	31.9	8.2	104.5	3.0	7,123	3,435	943	11,501	
1954: January	69.9	33.0	9.1	110.0	2.0	6,835	3,404	973	11,212	
February	150.2	32.2	9.0	188.2	3.2	14,990	3,372	957	19,319	
March	159.5	33.1	9.5	197.8	4.3	15,456	3,376	967	19,799	
1954: December	70.1	29.5	7.1	104.2	2.5	6,350	2,745	687	9,782	
1955: January	125.1	38.3	9.2	169.6	3.0	11,062	3,657	869	15,588	
February	125.1	...	8.8	130.6	3.3	11,701	...	887	12,588	
March	61.4	38.1	8.1	105.1	2.5	5,928	3,748	774	10,450	

\* Scoured bales are not converted to greasy basis.

### 32. Prices of Greasy Wool, New South Wales

Season	Average Price at Auction, New South Wales*	Month	Average Price that would be realised if whole N.S.W. clip was sold at price level of current month			
			1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
	Pence per lb.			Pence per lb.		
		July	95.0†	75.0†	85.0†	82.5†
		August	73.0	75.0†	84.0†	75.0
1938-39	10.3	September	66.0	73.0	83.0	75.0
1945-46	15.3†	October	91.0	78.0	84.0	71.0
1946-47	23.6	November	80.0	78.0	84.0	68.0
1947-48	37.9	December	77.0	82.0	81.0	70.5
1948-49	46.8	January	75.0	82.0	80.0	69.0p
1949-50	61.8	February	69.0	83.0	77.0	70.0p
1950-51	145.3	March	61.0	87.0	77.0	70.0p
1951-52	76.5	April	63.0	89.0	79.0†	
1952-53	85.1	May	72.0	93.0	82.0	
1953-54	81.8	June	75.0	85.0	82.5	

\* Excluding Albury (regarded as a Victorian selling centre). † Based on United Kingdom purchase prices; does not allow for payments accruing for profits on re-sale of contract wool. ‡ Nominal.

### 33. Wheat Growing in New South Wales

Season	Holdings with 20 acres or more Wheat for Grain	Area under Wheat		Yield of Grain	
		Total	For Grain	Total	Average per acre
	Number	Acres		Bushels	
1936-37 to 1945-46*	15,875†	4,203,047	3,824,667	49,850,000	13.0
1946-47	15,971	4,772,978	4,474,894	15,682,000	3.5
1947-48	16,803	5,355,169	5,043,017	95,227,000	18.9
1948-49	15,674	4,242,969	4,038,447	64,704,000	16.0
1949-50	15,594	4,173,857	4,011,744	81,939,000	20.4
1950-51	14,279	3,441,958	3,328,490	43,273,000	13.0
1951-52	13,147	2,930,170	2,753,317	39,689,000	14.4
1952-53	13,167	2,836,206	2,702,359	56,670,000	21.0
1953-54	14,865	3,547,624	3,356,888	63,681,000	19.0
1954-55‡	n.y.a.	3,150,000	2,780,000	37,500,000	13.5

\* Annual average.

† Average of six seasons 1935-36 to 1940-41.

‡ Preliminary.

## 34. Wheat : Prices and Return to Growers, New South Wales, and Prices in Canada

Period	Export Price*		Home Price for Human Consumption§	Net Return, f.o.r. country siding, to N.S.W. Growers¶	Canadian No. 1 Northern Wheat; in store, Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver	
					For Commercial Export	
	s. d. per bushel				Cents (Can.) per bushel	
Year: 1938-39	2	5.1	2	2.9	62.0	
1946-47	14	1	3	11.3	244.0	
1947-48	19	4.7	6	0.2	287.9	
1948-49	15	8.2	6	8	226.3	
1949-50	15	5.2	18	5.8	218.6	
1950-51	16	1	18	8.8	212.3	
1951-52	16	4.3	20	9	235.0	
1952-53	16	6	21	2	216.5	
1953-54	16	7**	16	7**	186.5	
1954: March	16	1**	16	1**	180.0	
April	15	9**	15	9**	182.3	
May	15	9**	15	9**	182.8	
June	15	2**	15	2**	174.0	
July	15	0**	15	0**	170.7	
August	14	7**	14	7**	169.8	
September	14	6**	14	6**	169.7	
October	14	6**	14	6**	169.8	
November	14	6**	14	6**	169.9	
December	14	6**	14	6**	170.7	
1955: January	14	6**	14	6**	172.0	
February	14	6**	14	6**	173.6	
March	14	6**	14	6**	175.7	

\* Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July. Bases are as follows :—  
1938-39—Average of shippers' limits for bulk and bagged lots, f.o.r. Sydney.

1946-47 to 1948-49—Basic export selling price of Australian Wheat Board. Average for bulk and bagged wheat, f.o.r., Sydney.

1949-50 to date—Basic selling prices of Australian Wheat Board for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.b., Sydney (see † and ‡ below).

† Wheat sold under International Wheat Agreement. ‡ Wheat sold in excess of I.W.A. quota.

§ Wholesale price for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.r. Sydney. Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended November.

¶ Allowing for cost of bags and including governmental assistance to wheat growers. Pool season, generally year ended October.

|| Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July.

\*\* For some destinations, where other exporting countries have a geographical freight advantage, the selling price is below this basic price.

## 35. Whole Milk Production, New South Wales

Period	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54p	1954-55p
	Thousand gallons					
September Qr.	55,835	53,733	46,274	62,782	57,478	55,199
October	31,028	31,046	24,781	32,800	26,875	28,217
November	34,481	33,397	23,701	33,596	28,018	34,071
December	35,645	35,323	20,451	32,118	24,522	36,451
January	31,965	36,210	20,773	31,444	27,140	32,793
February	29,944	29,793	17,685	31,241	27,808	
March	31,841	27,787	23,719	30,441	30,324	
June Qr.	60,841	50,870	63,825	62,963	55,582	
Year ended June	311,580	298,159	241,209	317,385	277,747	
July-January	188,954	189,709	135,980	192,740	164,033	186,731

NOTE.—The annual average production for the five seasons ended 1939 was 331,963,000 gallons.

## 36. Butter : Prices, Export and Local, and Return to Farmer

Season	Export*	Sydney Wholesale	Net Return to farmer †	Month	Export*	Sydney Wholesale
		s. d. per lb.			s. d. per lb.	
1938-39	1 1.2	1 5	1 1	1954: March	3 7.7	3 8.8
1945-46	1 7.8	1 5.9	1 8.3	April	3 7.7	3 8.8
1946-47	1 11.2	1 5.9	1 8.3	May	3 7.7	3 8.8
1947-48	2 3.3	1 7.5	1 11.9	June	3 7.7	3 8.8
1948-49	2 7.3	1 11.1	2 1.9	July	3 6.0	3 8.8
1949-50	2 9.6	1 11.1	2 4.5	August	3 6.0	3 8.8
1950-51	3 0.4	1 11.1	2 8.2	September	3 6.0	3 8.8
1951-52	3 3.1	2 7.2	3 6.1	October	3 6.0	3 8.8
1952-53	3 6.0	3 8.8	3 11.4	November	3 6.0	3 8.8
1953-54	3 7.7	3 8.8	3 11.5	December	3 6.0	3 8.8
				1955: January	3 6.0	3 8.8
				February	3 6.0	3 8.8

\* United Kingdom contract price f.o.b. Australia (1938-39 excepted). † Average price paid for cream supplied to New South Wales factories, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years.

## 37. Oversea Trade, New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales			Australia		
	Merchandise					
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
	£A million f.o.b.					
Year: 1938-39	49.9	37.7	(—) 12.2	113.2	121.5	8.3
1948-49	177.2	176.6	(—) 0.6	414.1	541.1	127.0
1949-50	214.0	216.6	2.6	536.1	611.6	75.5
1950-51	301.7	325.6	23.9	741.3	979.1	237.8
1951-52	426.8	193.9	(—) 232.9	1,049.7	665.2	(—) 384.5
1952-53	206.9	249.5	42.6	510.4	849.3	338.9
1953-54	277.9	249.3	(—) 28.6	678.5	811.8	133.3
1953-54 : July-Feb.	168.9	164.6	(—) 4.3	423.4	548.4	125.0
1954-55 : July-Feb.	215.3	135.6	(—) 79.7	537.1	490.4	(—) 46.7
1953 : November	20.4	26.5	6.1	50.7	84.8	34.1
December	23.8	26.0	2.2	58.7	78.2	19.5
1954 : January	24.5	19.0	(—) 5.5	60.4	58.0	(—) 2.4
February	18.0	16.4	(—) 1.6	45.8	57.4	11.6
1954 : November	23.7	15.2	(—) 8.5	54.9	50.7	(—) 4.2
December	24.8	23.7	(—) 1.1	64.4	84.8	20.4
1955 : January	32.3	15.4	(—) 16.9	76.0	63.9	(—) 12.1
February	28.3	19.5	(—) 8.8	69.8	67.6	(—) 2.2

(—) Denotes excess of Imports.

## 38. Wholesale Trade, New South Wales

\* Net sales of taxable and exempt goods by traders registered under Sales Tax Acts

Period	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
	£ million							
September Qr.	89.9	111.3	109.9	157.4	209.7	176.7	203.3	226.9
October	30.3	36.5	43.6	57.8	68.6	61.7	65.9	85.2
November	32.1	38.3	39.3	44.9	56.3	62.1	77.4	81.1
December	33.6	34.5	50.2	61.2	81.7	60.4	72.0	74.3
January	24.5	31.3	38.3	52.4	62.3	53.8	65.0	75.1
February	29.7	38.6	47.7	50.1	65.0	64.4	71.7	84.6
March	32.3	34.8	41.2	62.0	58.8	61.5	70.3	
June Qr.	101.5	116.3	153.5	201.0	196.4	188.6	226.0	
Year ended June	373.9	441.6	523.7	686.8	798.8	729.2	851.6	
July-February	240.1	290.5	329.0	423.8	543.6	479.1	555.3	627.2

\* Exclusive of discounts, returns, etc.

## 39. Retail Trade: Principal City Stores, Sydney

Compiled by Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with Commonwealth Bank

Period	Business Days In Period		Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid	Number of Employees*	Three months ended in month shown	
	Previous Year	Current Year					Value of Net Sales	Wages and Salaries Paid
	Number		Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) compared with corresponding period of preceding year.					
Year : 1949	303	302	+ 6.8	+ 6.7	+ 13.8	+ 0.4		
1950	302	303	+ 16.8	+ 5.6	+ 11.7	+ 0.7		
1951	303	301	+ 22.7	+ 26.9	+ 32.8	+ 2.7		
1952	301	303	— 8.6	+ 9.0	+ 4.0	— 10.0		
1953	303	302	+ 4.8	+ 20.1	— 0.3	— 3.9		
1954	302	301	+ 8.0	+ 9.4	+ 7.1	+ 3.9		
1953: Sept.	26	26	+ 11.1	— 13.4	+ 2.8	— 0.3	+ 8.8	+ 2.0
Oct.	26	26	+ 7.1	— 8.7	+ 3.5	+ 0.8	+ 9.1	+ 2.4
Nov.	25	25	+ 15.1	— 7.7	+ 6.2	+ 3.1	+ 11.0	+ 4.2
Dec.	24	24	+ 11.9	— 2.3	+ 7.6	+ 8.0	+ 11.4	+ 5.9
1954: Jan.	25	25	+ 12.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.7	+ 4.3	+ 13.1	+ 6.2
Feb.	24	22	— 1.3	+ 4.9	+ 6.8	+ 3.6	+ 8.9	+ 6.4
1954: Sept.	26	26	+ 8.3	+ 13.4	+ 8.2	+ 3.7	+ 9.0	+ 7.0
Oct.	26	25	+ 4.1	+ 13.3	+ 3.4	+ 4.6	+ 8.5	+ 6.9
Nov.	25	26	+ 10.0	+ 12.8	+ 13.3	+ 7.2	+ 7.4	+ 8.3
Dec.	24	24	+ 5.9	+ 8.6	+ 10.2	+ 4.9	+ 6.6	+ 9.0
1955: Jan.	25	23	— 4.3	+ 6.9	+ 5.6	+ 2.7	+ 4.4	+ 9.6
Feb.	22	24	+ 11.7	+ 10.0	+ 8.0	+ 3.1	+ 4.2	+ 8.0

\* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 2.

## BANKING

Since 1st October, 1951, 16 trading banks have conducted business in Australia. Of these, 12 operate in New South Wales, comprising the 7 major private trading banks, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank of N.S.W., and 3 oversea banks.

#### 40. Trading Banks : Deposits and Assets in Australia

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Deposits	Balances due to other Banks	Cash Items	Treasury Bills	Government and Municipal Securities	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted
£ million							
MAJOR PRIVATE TRADING BANKS							
1939 : June	318.0	n.a.	28.6	23.9	22.1	...	291.7
1945 : June	582.5	n.a.	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1947 : June	648.3	2.5	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1949 : June	817.4	49.8	40.0	11.1	62.5	381.2	383.3
1951 : June	1,237.7	63.2	50.5	32.8	93.0	569.6	509.5
1952 : June	1,122.9	48.0	61.2	35.8	62.6	303.3	691.2
1953 : June	1,239.0	3.5	76.6	100.5	115.7	300.8	601.8
1954 : June	1,305.0	3.3	67.7	58.0	133.4	313.7	701.7
1953 : December	1,290.0	3.8	83.0	105.3	130.2	250.4	665.0
1954 : January	1,303.7	2.9	87.6	129.6	135.0	257.2	654.1
February	1,337.1	3.2	75.0	147.7	138.4	282.4	656.0
1954 : December	1,317.7	3.2	69.7	47.1	114.2	259.6	785.7
1955 : January	1,334.8	3.2	83.8	74.7	116.5	259.6	769.8
February	1,356.2	3.4	71.7	96.5	124.6	259.6	772.9

## COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK\*

1947 : June	58.6	0.3	5.7	1.1	33.9	...	21.6
1949 : June	68.2	2.5	4.7	...	34.4	...	36.6
1951 : June	119.7	2.3	6.9	36.5	15.1	...	68.5
1952 : June	109.1	3.4	7.1	23.0	22.1	...	71.2
1953 : June	135.7	4.1	11.9	31.3	15.2	32.3	59.7
1954 : June	165.7	0.3	14.1	12.6	35.1	38.7	76.0
1953 : December	159.4	1.6	10.6	22.6	35.1	32.3	70.4
1954 : January	155.1	0.5	10.5	19.6	35.1	32.8	71.6
February	158.5	0.4	10.5	20.9	35.1	34.5	71.6
1954 : December	177.4	0.3	10.6	16.3	38.2	35.0	87.4
1955 : January	170.2	0.3	11.6	10.7	36.3	35.0	89.7
February	172.1	0.4	10.3	12.7	37.7	35.0	90.0

## ALL TRADING BANKS

1947 : June	722.7	3.0	42.4	16.2	126.2	277.2	344.8
1949 : June	913.1	52.5	48.0	12.2	111.5	382.8	461.9
1951 : June	1,407.4	65.9	62.4	73.8	123.1	572.6	635.5
1952 : June	1,282.2	52.2	72.0	59.3	99.4	305.0	827.9
1953 : June	1,428.0	7.9	94.4	138.7	144.6	334.1	724.8
1954 : June	1,530.5	4.0	87.1	80.1	182.6	353.5	845.2
1953 : December	1,502.0	6.7	98.8	132.5	179.4	283.8	802.2
1954 : January	1,515.0	3.6	103.9	156.9	184.2	291.0	791.5
February	1,554.1	3.9	91.2	179.0	187.8	317.9	793.5
1954 : December	1,551.0	4.4	84.8	67.3	166.6	295.7	946.3
1955 : January	1,563.9	4.0	100.9	90.4	166.7	295.7	931.8
February	1,588.7	4.3	86.9	116.4	176.2	295.7	935.6

\*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 9th December, 1953.

#### 41. Trading Banks : Deposits and Advances in New South Wales

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Major Private Trading Banks				C'wealth Trading Bank*		All Trading Banks	
	Deposits			Advances	Deposits	Advances	Deposits	Advances
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total					
	£ million							
1947 : June	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	33.3	12.6	286.8	153.6
1949 : June	228.1	73.2	301.3	150.4	40.1	18.0	358.0	199.7
1951 : June	386.0	81.9	467.9	197.9	60.0	36.1	560.8	276.6
1952 : June	345.7	67.9	413.6	276.0	61.8	38.6	507.3	361.1
1953 : June	379.7	68.9	448.6	243.7	74.0	26.5	557.5	314.7
1954 : June	400.2	82.9	483.1	281.6	87.3	32.7	608.6	360.7
1953 : Dec.	398.8	78.5	477.3	272.8	84.2	29.4	596.0	347.6
1954 : Jan.	405.8	77.7	483.5	261.5	83.7	30.1	602.8	337.1
Feb.	418.2	78.5	496.7	262.3	84.8	30.1	618.8	338.0
1954 : Dec.	397.4	87.0	484.4	319.4	93.0	36.5	614.5	405.3
1955 : Jan.	402.5	87.7	490.2	310.3	90.4	37.9	619.1	397.2
Feb.	406.7	88.2	494.9	312.7	91.5	37.9	625.3	400.0

\*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 9th December, 1953.

#### 42. Trading Banks : Debits to Customers' Accounts, New South Wales

"Debits" refer to all trading banks operating in N.S.W., excluding accounts of Australian Governments at city banks and central banking business of the Commonwealth Bank.

Period	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
Weekly Average—£ million.								
July	66.6	79.2	91.2	121.3	159.3	149.0	163.7	181.8
August	60.6	71.0	80.9	109.2	141.9	130.1	145.6	170.6
September	64.4	77.4	88.0	126.3	153.0	143.0	167.7	179.7
October	67.8	81.5	99.0	135.5	163.0	152.7	168.3	190.3
November	72.5	82.0	107.9	147.9	170.5	159.8	173.0	185.8
December	71.0	87.7	112.2	158.0	175.9	173.8	187.1	194.5
January	59.6	74.8	96.8	131.6	146.2	124.6	151.9	173.8
February	72.1	83.5	108.7	161.1	155.3	156.2	164.8	188.3
March	68.6	83.9	118.6	160.0	152.1	162.4	184.7	186.0
April	69.7	82.5	108.8	161.1	153.3	149.7	166.2	
May	75.0	92.8	122.6	167.3	155.9	157.4	183.0	
June	82.0	97.3	121.2	168.2	158.4	160.3	194.9	
Year	69.4	83.1	104.9	145.1	156.6	151.9	171.7	

#### 43. Savings Banks in New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales					Australia	
	Active Accounts*	Deposits	Interest Credited	Withdrawals	Depositors' Balances*	Active Accounts*	Depositors' Balances*
	Thousand	£ thousand				Thousand	£ thousand
Year: 1938-39	1,330	66,577	1,610	67,155	87,474	3,858	245,587
1946-47	1,967	158,994	4,054	167,922	231,368	5,593	660,015
1947-48	2,013	160,875	3,991	159,270	236,964	5,728	681,318
1948-49	2,072	171,622	4,062	168,165	244,483	5,890	714,232
1949-50	2,138	201,479	4,238	191,296	258,874	6,105	762,085
1950-51	2,194	253,472	4,405	232,285	284,466	6,307	837,444
1951-52	2,247	261,966	4,829	246,729	304,532	6,494	891,898
1952-53	2,279	266,006	5,703	257,092	319,149	6,633	947,497
1953-54	2,308	291,475	6,087	276,914	339,797	6,756	1,010,129
1953: December	2,260	27,136		25,633	327,659	6,617	973,740
1954: January	2,272	26,381		20,650	329,390	6,648	976,452
February	2,281	22,257		19,303	332,344	6,673	983,486
1954: December	2,283	28,673		28,010	347,839	6,716	1,040,129
1955: January	2,295	24,194		21,847	350,186	6,743	1,045,958
February	2,306	24,641		24,139	350,688	6,773	1,047,189

\* At end of period.

#### 44. Oversea Exchange Rates

Mean of Buying and Selling rates for telegraphic transfers quoted by Commonwealth Bank, average of daily rates.

Period	Australia on—							
	London	New Zealand	South Africa	Montreal	New York	France	Belgium	India
	£A. to £stg.100	£A. to £N.Z.100	£A. to £S.A.100	Canadian \$ to £A.1	U.S. \$ to £A.1	Francs to £A.1	Francs to £A.1	Rupees to £A.1
1938-39	125.25	100.33	124.70	3.79	3.78	141.75	111.58	10.69
1946—June	125.25	100.25	124.88	3.54	3.22	383.24	141.02	10.64
1949— "	125.25	124.27	124.88	3.22	3.22	875.85	141.02	10.64
1950— "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.46	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1951— "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.39	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1952— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.18	2.22	776.35	111.66	10.64
1953— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.19	2.25	784.71	111.76	10.64
1954— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.25	784.84	112.15	10.64
1954 : December	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.15	2.23	782.25	111.37	10.64
1955: January	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.15	2.22	779.33	111.26	10.64
February	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.17	2.22	778.85	111.21	10.64

## 45. Interest Rates, New South Wales

Period	Private First Mortgages Registered*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†		Trading Banks‡			Savings Bank Deposits‡		Treasury Bills‡ (Dis-count)	
					Fixed Deposits			Over-draft (Max.)	To £500		£500 to £1,000 \$
	Urban	Rural	Short-dated : 2 years	Long-dated : 12 years	3 months	24 months To £10,000	Over £10,000				
Per cent. per annum											
Year : 1938-39	5.5	5.1	3.67	3.85	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.75	2.00	1.75‡	1.75
1945-46	4.7	4.4	2.18	3.24	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.75	2.00	1.00	1.00
1948-49	4.4	4.3	2.07	3.15	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1949-50	4.4	4.3	1.95	3.13	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1950-51	4.4	4.3	1.99	3.21	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1951-52	4.4	4.3	2.05	3.95	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1952-53	4.7	4.6	3.03	4.54	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
1953-54	4.9	4.7	3.10	4.44	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
1954 : April	5.0	4.8	3.24	4.46	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
May	5.0	4.8	3.34	4.47	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
June	5.0	4.8	3.42	4.44	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
July	5.1	4.8	3.54	4.47	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
August	5.1	4.7	3.47	4.49	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
September	5.1	4.7	3.56	4.48	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
October	5.2	4.7	3.43	4.49	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
November	5.2	4.8	3.39	4.50	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
December	5.3	4.8	3.48	4.52	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00
1955 : January	5.4	4.9	3.35	4.49	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
February	5.4	4.9	3.29	4.49	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
March	5.5	5.1	3.49	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00

\* Average for year or for 3 months ended month shown. † Compiled by Commonwealth Bank; average for year or as at last Wednesday in month. ‡ Rate current at end of period. ‡ 1½ per cent. to limit of £1,300 until March, 1942. § Upper limit raised from £1,000 to £1,500 in June, 1954.

## 46. Index of Value of Shares on Sydney Stock Exchange

The index relates to the value of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks), whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made for changes in capital structure.

Month	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	8 Public Utility Companies	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies	5 Insurance Companies	Total, 75* Companies	34 Active Shares included in foregoing
1939 : Aug.	212.6	168.2	156.0	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945 : Sept.	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1949 : June	326.9	274.4	153.1	171.7	462.3	242.4	246.4
1950 : June	399.3	318.7	155.3	227.4	576.7	293.6	297.5
1951 : June	529.8	397.6	167.3	301.6	757.1	366.6	357.0
1952 : June	358.2	257.1	154.4	189.0	580.5	256.7	250.7
1953 : June	363.6	265.2	153.5	192.8	544.4	254.4	253.7
1954 : Jan.	377.2	294.3	153.6	197.3	620.5	271.6	279.7
Feb.	377.5	295.8	157.3	197.4	636.7	273.3	279.8
Mar.	376.0	292.0	164.3	201.4	636.0	273.0	278.7
Apr.	370.4	294.3	163.3	202.4	574.7	268.6	275.4
May	373.7	302.7	158.7	210.0	586.5	271.4	279.5
June	381.3	310.1	159.0	217.7	574.7	274.5	282.2
July	394.4	322.4	160.7	224.5	593.1	282.2	292.0
Aug.	405.5	336.5	165.1	239.4	606.1	292.4	301.0
Sept.	402.9	343.5	163.9	231.8	587.1	291.5	297.9
Oct.	397.3	344.2	159.6	216.8	588.9	288.5	293.7
Nov.	393.1	342.9	158.7	210.2	578.9	285.6	291.9
Dec.	391.3	346.1	158.4	215.8	568.5	285.7	294.9
1955 : Jan.	401.1	348.1	164.5	224.0	579.6	292.4	302.4
Feb.	408.0	352.1	171.2	225.7	589.7	296.9	307.1
Mar.	409.3	364.6	170.3	225.8	591.5	299.0	307.9

\* Including 24 miscellaneous companies.

### 47. Real Estate Transactions and Crop, Wool, and Stock Mortgages Registered in New South Wales

Period	Real Estate Conveyances and Transfers		Mortgages†	Crop Liens	Wool Liens†	Livestock Mortgages †
	Number		£ thousand			
Year :						
1938-39	50,295	35,272	25,068	1,908	3,064	1,736
1940-49	86,201	62,229	32,518	333	2,391	2,768
1949-50	105,589	125,952	57,382	460	3,115	2,845
1950-51	108,732	192,311	71,600	309	4,828	3,487
1951-52	95,857	179,581	77,211	514	4,371	3,578
1952-53	82,905	143,909	68,590	462	3,428	2,513
1953-54	92,386	188,032	76,024	476	3,460	2,698
1953-54 : July-Mar.	68,866	135,578	57,579	420	2,198	1,893
1954-55 : July-Mar.	74,739	165,215	68,754	456	2,291	1,728
1953 :						
November	7,640	15,004	5,783	55	133	147
December	7,241	15,070	5,795	14	175	160
1954 :						
January	6,590	13,594	6,078	5	232	174
February	6,147	12,944	4,970	29	195	194
March	8,302	18,395	7,007	44	355	165
1954 :						
November	8,796	19,561	9,798	28	144	136
December	7,996	17,593	7,701	17	265	215
1955 :						
January	6,525	15,323	6,736	10	193	174
February	6,982	16,739	7,397	8	307	152
March	8,562	18,782	8,091	26	255	215

\* As consideration is not recorded in many mortgages, the amount is understated ; it relates to mortgages in fixed amounts for fixed periods and excludes fluctuating advances secured by mortgage. † Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

### 48. Life Assurance, New South Wales

#### (a) New Policies issued (exclusive of annuities)\*.

Period	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured
	Policies	Sum Assured *	Policies	Sum Assured	
	Number	£ thousand	Number	£ thousand	£ thousand
Year† :					
1939	50,220	18,179	156,787	7,540	25,719
1948	99,282	47,956	115,336	11,076	59,032
1949	94,665	49,357	113,568	11,332	60,689
1950	98,015	58,666	106,754	11,136	69,802
1951	101,683	78,187	97,361	11,526	89,713
1952	110,992	81,270	99,573	13,342	94,612
1953	111,437	86,501	98,547	13,590	100,091
1954	109,232	99,371	91,878	13,396	112,767
1953 :					
November	10,282	7,494	8,222	1,178	8,672
December	11,559	10,551	4,307	613	11,164
1954 : January	5,394	4,011	3,017	403	4,414
1954 :					
November	8,631	8,273	8,068	1,223	9,496
December	12,442	14,123	5,773	1,033	15,156
1955 : January	4,428	3,794	2,257	332	4,126

\* Includes operations of Government Insurance Office of New South Wales. † Annual figures are aggregates of yearly returns for "various balance" dates (mainly in September or December of year specified).

#### (b) New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies in New South Wales\* (exclusive of advances of premiums).

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	On Other Securities	Total Loans Granted
	£ thousand			
Year :				
1948	5,828	861	2,540	9,229
1949	9,264	931	2,913	13,108
1950	16,184	1,117	3,873	21,174
1951	20,433	1,228	4,935	26,596
1952	16,506	1,771	3,470	21,747
1953	14,775	1,436	2,426	18,637
1954	14,298	1,500	1,901	17,699
1953 :				
November	999	120	140	1,259
December	939	103	153	1,195
1954 : January	836	98	95	1,029
1954 :				
November	1,499	130	155	1,784
December	1,549	129	202	1,880
1955 : January	968	107	249	1,324

\* The Government Insurance Office of New South Wales is not included.

## 49. Commonwealth Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-March		Item	July-March	
	1953-54	1954-55		1953-54	1954-55
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
<b>Taxes—</b>			<b>Social Services*—</b>		
Customs ... ..	70,231	75,052	Invalid, Age Pensions ... ..	59,747	66,498
Excise ... ..	94,219	107,689	Child Endowment ... ..	38,112	39,549
Sales ... ..	71,240	75,209	Hospital Benefits ... ..	5,950	7,031
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution § ... ..	273,761	258,550	Pharmaceutical Benefits ... ..	5,245	6,314
			Other ... ..	17,915	20,751
Payroll ... ..	30,288	30,710	Total, Social Services* ... ..	126,969	140,143
Estate ... ..	7,191	7,119	<b>To States—</b>		
Entertainments ... ..	1,978	...	Tax Reimbursements ... ..	85,378	89,965
Other ... ..	1,227	1,195	Other ... ..	35,220	34,531
Total Taxes ... ..	550,135	555,524	Capital Works ... ..	63,991	64,711
Post Office ... ..	50,328	54,189	Post Office† ... ..	49,342	53,921
Broadcasting ... ..	2,849	2,857	Broadcasting† ... ..	3,446	3,440
Railways ... ..	2,430	2,609	Railways† ... ..	2,602	2,148
Territories ... ..	1,576	1,735	Territories† ... ..	7,710	8,789
Other ... ..	26,715	26,208	Defence Services ... ..	119,732	115,960
Total Revenue† ... ..	634,033	643,122	War Services, 1914-18 & 1939-45 ... ..	43,479	45,731
			Subsidies ... ..	15,625	16,439
			Debt Charges, N.E.I. ... ..	54,300	53,205
			Other ... ..	47,441	52,858
			Total Expenditure† ... ..	655,235	681,841

\* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

‡ Excluding debt charges.

† Excludes Sel.-balancing items amounting to £4,560,000 in the nine months ended March 1953-54 and £4,937,000 in 1954-55.

§ Refunds on account of Wool Deduction have been subtracted from "Income Tax, etc."

Expenditure from Loan Fund for War and Repatriation in the nine months ended March (£2,877,000 in 1953-54 and £2,548,000 in 1954-55) is included above. Other loan expenditure in this period consisted of Advances to States or Housing, £20,400,000 in 1953-54 and £16,850,000 in 1954-55.

Commonwealth Treasury Bills on issue in Australia at the end of March amounted to £205,000,000 in 1954 and £220,000,000 in 1955.

## 50. New South Wales Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-March		Item	July-March	
	1953-54	1954-55		1953-54	1954-55
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
<b>Governmental—</b>			<b>Interest, Exchange, Sinking Fund and Loan Management ... ..</b>	<b>17,218</b>	<b>18,864</b>
From Commonwealth—			Less—Recoups from other Activities ... ..	3,114	3,670
Towards Interest ... ..	2,188	2,188	Net Debt Charges ... ..	14,104	15,194
Reimbursement of Taxes ... ..	33,768	35,082	Other than Debt Charges—		
Stamp and Probate Duty ... ..	10,036	11,602	Governmental ... ..	58,168	63,914
Other Taxes ... ..	3,228	3,165	Business Undertakings—		
Land ... ..	1,993	2,160	Railways ... ..	48,458	50,555
Services ... ..	3,758	4,044	Trams and Buses ... ..	9,936	9,844
Other ... ..	8,097	9,094	Sydney Harbour ... ..	1,116	1,335
Total Governmental ... ..	63,068	67,335	Total Expenditure ... ..	131,782	140,842
<b>Business Undertakings—</b>					
Railways ... ..	55,016	56,323			
Trams and Buses ... ..	8,778	8,561			
Sydney Harbour ... ..	1,712	2,247			
Total Revenue ... ..	128,574	134,466			

Loan Expenditure on works and services in the nine months ended March was gross £32,948,000 and net (i.e., gross, less repayments to loan account) £31,753,000 in 1953-54 compared with gross £33,041,000 and net £31,947,000 in 1954-55.

### 51. Australian Export Price Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician from prices of twenty commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all Australian exports. The prices are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) in the years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Wool	Wheat	Butter	Metals*	Meats†	All Groups ‡	
						Excluding Gold	Including Gold
§ (a)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	...	100.00
§ (b)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	100.00	...
Year : 1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	82	83
1945-46	117	213	147	196	123	148	146
1949-50	473	400	250	421	196	399	383
1950-51	999	432	271	689	209	690	654
1951-52	564	436	291	811	263	495	473
1952-53	616	445	313	504	314	505	483
1953-54	615	411p	325	450	338	496p	474p
1954: January	603	411	325	427	340	489	468
February	581	402	325	423	340	476	455
March	581	399	325	440	340	476	456
April	596¶	381	325	467	340	482	461
May	618	372	325	474	340	492	470
June	622	369p	325	484	340	494	472
July	622¶	359p	313	475	340	490p	468p
August	566	358p	313	475	340	461p	442p
September	566	355p	313	498	340	462p	442p
October	536	356p	313	524	340	450p	431p
November	513	358p	313	518	340	439p	421p
December	532r	359p	313	512	385	451pr	432pr
1955: January	520p	360p	313	516	370	444p	425p

\* Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. ‡ Includes also sugar, dried fruits, tallow, and hides  
 § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a) Including Gold and (b) Excluding Gold.  
 ¶ Nominal.

### 52. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. Prices are drawn mainly from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials, and one or two minor commodities, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Metals and Coal	Textiles	Building Materials	Total Basic Materials	Foodstuffs and Tobacco	Goods Principally Imported*	Goods Principally Home-produced	Total, All Groups
Year : 1938-39	103	82	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46	130	152	177	149	135	178	126	141
1949-50	214	434	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51	256	641	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52	343	577	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53	392	607	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54	388	566	363	332	313	271	343	321
1953: Dec.	388	561	365	332	304	269	337	317
1954: Jan.	384	564	365	331	305	271	336	317
Feb.	384	546	365	328	306	269	336	316
Mar.	389	545	365	330	304	269	335	316
Apr.	390	553	359	328	306	266	337	316
May	390	563	359	329	306	266	338	316
June	384	569	358	327	308	267	337	316
July	384	569	358	327	308pr	266p	337p	316p
Aug.	384	529	359	325	308p	267p	336p	316p
Sept.	385	527	365	328	308pr	271p	336pr	317p
Oct.	385	505	365	325	303p	269p	332p	313p
Nov.	393	491	365	327	305p	277p	331p	315p
Dec.	393	507r	365	328	307p	277p	333p	317pr
1955: Jan.	396	501p	365	330p	305pr	279p	332pr	316p
Feb.	399	505p	373	333p	313p	281p	340p	322p

\* Represents only such Imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This Index does not measure changes in Import prices generally.

### 53. Wholesale Price Index Numbers, Certain Countries

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Australia	New Zealand	South Africa	United Kingdom	Canada	United States	France
	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Board of Trade	Dominion Statistician *	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.
Year : 1938-39	101	102	100	96	95	95	112
1947-48	159	173	174	203	175	191	451
1948-49	181	180	186	218	195	194	2032
1949-50	205	184	195	237	195	186	2196
1950-51	246	210	216	288	224	211	123†
1951-52	300	243	252	321	229	213	145
1952-53	320	252	269	320	216	209	141
1953-54	321	248	270	320	214	209	137
1953 : Sept.	333	248	272	318	216	210	137
Oct.	329	253	273	318	215	208	136
Nov.	321	252	271	320	213	208	137
Dec.	317	252	270	318	214	208	138
1954 : Jan.	317	250	271	318	215	210	138
Feb.	316	245	269	319	214	209	138
Mar.	316	244	269	321	213	209	136
Apr.	316	246	269	322	213	210	137
May	316	246	269	323	213	210	139
June	316	247	271	325	213	208	135
July	316p	248	271	325	212	209	134
Aug.	316p	247	272	322	211	209	136
Sept.	317p	248	273	321	210	208	135
Oct.	313p	248	273	321	209	207	134
Nov.	315p	249	272	323	210	208	135
Dec.	317p	n.y.a.	272	328p	210	207	135

\* New Series.

† New Series. Base : 1949=100.

### 54. Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)

Base : Weighted Average for six Capital Cities in 1923-27=1000

(a) Sydney (Group Indexes and Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Food and Groceries	Rent, 4 and 5 Rooms	Clothing	Miscellaneous Items	Total "C" Series Index†	
					Index Number	Increase from Sept. Qr., 1939
						Per cent.
1939 : September	930	1039	841	939	933	...
1945 : June	1040	1043	1410	1163	1141	22
1947 : June	1096	1044	1540	1187	1194	28
1949 : June	1384	1048	1980	1347	1425	53
1951 : June	1943	1051	2819	1689	1875	101
1952 : June	2727	1089	3098	1997	2284	145
1953 : March	2664	1245	3246	2039	2338	151
June	2669	1274	3305	2044	2360	153
September	2758	1287	3276	2039	2388	156
December	2751	1299	3263	2040	2385	156
1954 : March	2738	1318	3280	2051	2391	156
June	2703	1320	3257	2045	2373	154
September	2701	1326	3250	2047	2372	154
December	2741	1330	3266	2048	2391	156
1955 : March	2804	1331	3250	2014	2405	157

(b) Districts of New South Wales (Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Sydney	Newcastle	Broken Hill	Goulburn	Bathurst	Five Towns*
1939 : September	933	897	943	914	881	930
1945 : June	1141	1099	1193	1111	1089	1138
1947 : June	1194	1150	1237	1160	1147	1191
1949 : June	1425	1393	1504	1421	1393	1424
1951 : June	1875	1853	1939	1858	1825	1874
1952 : June	2284	2231	2360	2277	2228	2281
1953 : March	2338	2268	2385	2260	2317	2332
June	2360	2283	2397	2292	2354	2354
September	2388	2306	2426	2328	2382	2382
December	2385	2323	2434	2328	2401	2381
1954 : March	2391	2327	2432	2318	2393	2386
June	2373	2319	2425	2329	2383	2369
September	2372	2311	2410	2318	2366	2368
December	2391	2340	2415	2343	2385	2387
1955 : March	2405	2358	2421	2373	2412	2401

\*Weighted average for foregoing five towns.

† Comprising foregoing groups.

### 55. Basic Wage : Sydney, Adult Males

Month of Change.	Amount per week.	Month of Change.	Amount per week.	Month of Change.	Amount per week.	Month of Change.	Amount per week.
	£.		£.		£.		£.
1939: June	82	1943: Feb.	98	1946: Aug.	100	1950: Feb.	135
Sept.	81	May	98	Nov.	101	May	138
Dec.	82	Aug.	100	Dec.*	108	Aug.	142
1940: Feb.	82	Nov.	99	1947: Feb.	108	Nov.	146
May	83	1944: Feb.	99	May	110	Dec.*	165
Aug.	85	May	99	Aug.	110	1951: Feb.	173
Nov.	85	Aug.	99	Nov.	112	May	180
1941: Feb.	88	Nov.	99	1948: Feb.	114	Aug.	193
May	88	1945: Feb.	99	May	116	Nov.	207
Aug.	89	May	98	Aug.	120	1952: Feb.	216
Nov.	89	Aug.	98	Nov.	122	May	223
1942: Feb.	91	Nov.	99	1949: Feb.	124	Aug.	235
May	93	1946: Feb.	99	May	127	Nov.	237
Aug.	95	May	99	Aug.	130	1953: Feb.	238
Nov.	97			Nov.	132	May	241
						Aug.†	243

**Female Wages.**—The minimum wage per week payable (Sydney) to adult females was:—

1950: Dec. 123s. 6d.	1951: Feb. 129s. 6d.	1952: Feb. 162s.	1953: Feb. 178s. 6d.
	May 135s.	May 167s.	May 180s. 6d.
	Aug. 144s. 6d.	Aug. 176s.	† Aug. 182s.
	Nov. 155s.	Nov. 177s. 6d.	

\* As a result of judgments of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court, special increases were awarded: in December, 1946, 7s. and in December, 1950, 19s.

† Current April, 1955. In September, 1953, the Commonwealth Arbitration Court abolished quarterly adjustments.

### 56. Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours of Labour, New South Wales

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

End of Month	Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rate				Average Weekly Standard Working Hours	
	Amount—shillings		Index Number			
	Adult Males	Adult Females	Adult Males*	Adult Females†	Adult Males	Adult Females
1939: Sept.	95.8	52.7	1870	1939	44.0	43.9
1945: Sept.	121.1	72.3	2362	2660	43.5	43.9
1947: June‡	132.7	82.3	2589	3029	43.5	43.9
Dec.	141.3	84.3	2757	3102	41.1	41.8
1948: June§	149.1	92.4	2909	3402	40.0	40.0
Dec.	159.8	100.0	3117	3681	40.0	40.0
1949: June	165.4	103.5	3227	3811	40.0	40.0
Dec.	171.9	108.1	3355	3979	40.0	40.0
1950: June	179.3	114.3	3499	4206	40.0	40.0
Dec.	209.5	139.9	4088	5150	40.0	40.0
1951: June	228.6	151.0	4461	5558	40.0	40.0
Dec.	255.0	171.1	4975	6296	40.0	40.0
1952: June	270.4	183.1	5277	6738	40.0	40.0
Dec.	284.7	193.9	5555	7138	40.0	40.0
1953: June	289.8	196.7	5655	7240	40.0	40.0
Dec.	296.6	198.4	5788	7302	40.0	40.0
1954: Mar.	296.7	198.4	5788	7302	40.0	40.0
June	296.7	198.5	5790	7305	40.0	40.0
Sept.	296.7	198.6	5790	7311	40.0	40.0
Dec.p	297.9	198.6	5812	7311	40.0	40.0

\* Base : Weighted average for Australia in April, 1911 (51s. 3d.) = 1000.

† Base: Weighted average for

Australia in April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) = 1000.

‡ Forty-hour week under State awards from 1st July, 1947.

§ Forty-hour week under Commonwealth awards from 1st January, 1948.

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